

GREAT SPLASHES OF COLOR



Gay plaids promise to be quite the mode this fall, especially for rough, outdoors and sports occasions. What could be smarter than this costume with its fringed plaid skirt, its sweater with fringed scarf effect at the front and its knitted sport hat?

LOW SHOES AGAIN IN FAVOR

Present Indications Point to Strap Effects for the Coming Fall and Winter.

Low shoes had such a vogue all last year that high boots even for the most severe winter weather had only a moderate call. According to present indications the same conditions will hold good for the coming fall and winter season. Strap effects will continue to be in high favor. The fancy for color and different leather combinations will also be a feature of next season's footwear.

The short vamp shoe will be a leader for fall and toes are to be more rounded than those of the present season.

The simplicity of styles offered for gowns, suits and other items of outer apparel during the past few seasons has served to emphasize the importance of smart and novel shoes, hats and other accessories. By using good judgment in selecting the minor items, any woman may be well dressed at comparatively small cost.

But beware the shoes you select are becoming to you. One type of shoe looks well on one pair of feet, but fail to suit another type.

HOW TO KEEP NAILS NICE

Cuticle Should Be Pushed Back Every Time When Hands Are Washed With Warm Water.

The cuticle around the nails must be clipped at times, but if careful you need not cut this delicate skin more than once a fortnight, or even once a month, as cuticle cut-pieces tend to become hard and tough in appearance.

The best way to keep the nails sleek-looking around the edges is to have an orangewood stick handy in the bath room and to push back the cuticle with warm water and soap. Even if you have not time for this and push back the cuticle only once a day it will be enough. An artificial system is a good thing to use because it will keep the cuticle soft, and at the same time prevent it from growing fast.

FASHIONS IN BRIEF

Three-piece suits have eclipsed the two-piece suits for fall.

Small hats of black tulle are edged with narrow ribbing.

Monograms of beads are among the smartest things shown in the new bags.

The smartest sport shirts are of white flannel and knitted silk in bright Roman stripes.

Soft materials will lead in fall coat fabrics. Velourage—the name is self-explanatory—will be one of the strong numbers.

Very bright colored lightweight velours are used with very good effect to fashion vests, sometimes entire sleeves, etc., in serge frocks.

Knitted wool and silk capes are popular country and summer resort wraps. They are shown in wide variety and in many color blendings and color combinations.

Plain linen or chambray dresses are very smartly trimmed with chintz, belt, collar, cuffs and pockets being of the figured fabric. These frocks are of the tailored type, usually designed for girls of not more than eight years and almost always accompanied by matching bloomers.

Something new and dainty is being offered in the shops in the form of perfume vials hidden in the heart of a flower. The perfume in the vial is of the odor of the flower.

One of the newest evening wraps is fashioned of deep flounces of black thread lace, over a foundation of black georgette, and the close shoulder is defined by rows of kolinsky, of varying widths.

THE PHONE CALL

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Supper at Miss Almira's boarding house was in progress.

"Stunk, cold ham, potato salad, hash or liver!" sang Millie, first class waitress, all in one breath.

"Stunk! I love it! I'll have some," boomed Mrs. Miller, the only inhabitant of the Palace House who could stomach the well-browned leather the mistress of that establishment served as stunk.

"What'll youse two have?" demanded Millie of the "hallroom boys" Tom and Dave.

"What was that first piece you rendered?" asked the latter.

"Cease, fair girl, cease! If you are passing around stunk, my friend and I will have two nice, fresh cold storage eggs boiled to a crisp!"

"Same? Don't be sassy or you'll get hot!" Millie was a very independent waitress, and being Miss Almira's niece, ventured more remarks during meal hours than President Harding at a meeting of congress.

"Give me some liver and—"

"Alright, Mr. Moore," put in Millie, before he had a chance to flinch.

"Hash, please," spoke up Mr. Perrin.

"Our kitchen has been cleaned up today," said Dave.

"How can you tell, you funny fellow?" gushed Mrs. Miller.

"Hash for supper!" gravely returned Dave.

"Oh, my stars!" Mrs. Miller went into a spasm of laughter, consisting of gurgles, sneezes and coughs.

"Evening," remarked Mr. Richards, as he took his place at the table.

"Why the gloom, Dave?"

"Them's harsh words! I was just thinking of the eggs I must feast upon tonight, and trying to imagine I liked 'em when along you come, suggesting gloom!"

"Ha, ha!" roared Mr. Perrin. "When you boys have been here seven years like me, you'll stand anything, and like anything."

"Seven months is plenty; we couldn't stand it another seven," said Tom.

"Good evening," Miss Allen slipped into her place opposite Mr. Richards.

"Good evening," spoke he, timidly.

"Good evening," spoke she, slowly.

"Hum!" muttered Tom.

"Quite so!" whispered Dave, in his ear. "Methinks some dire disaster has fallen. Richards and Allen used to be good friends—church, Sundays, movies, Wednesday and Saturday, and now they hardly speak!"

Supper at Miss Almira's boarding house was over, for which the suffering boarders were duly thankful. The entire assembly gathered on the porch to talk over the day's events. Miss Allen found a little rocker in the corner, and seating herself, gazed up at the evening sky.

"Fran—Miss Allen,"

"Mr. Richards?" in cold tones.

"Miss Allen, why have you avoided me so, of late?"

"I had my reasons, Mr. Richards."

"You used to call me Edgar," he reminded.

"That was before you were engaged to Julia."

"To er—what, who?" he demanded.

"I believe you heard me," came in to below zero tones.

"But I suppose it was understood that we, you and I—"

"I supposed so, too. You practically asked me to marry you, and I practically agreed."

"Then what is the matter?"

"I distinctly heard you say over the phone: 'Congratulations, Bill! I'm to be married next week.' 'Who to?' asked Bill, 'Julia,' you said. My name is Frances," finished Miss Allen.

"There must be a mistake somewhere," insisted Mr. Richards.

"Impossible. I heard you myself. You are the only Edgar here."

"How did you hear me?"

"I—well, I got the call, so couldn't help hearing," stammered Miss Allen.

She was a telephone operator, and, strangely enough, her switchboard was on the Palace House line.

"Fifteen, wait!" Mr. Richards dashed off.

Mr. Moore, just about to descend the steps on his way to his club, felt a heavy hand upon his collar and found himself being rudely dragged back up the steps.

"Wait!" he yelled. Then found himself standing in front of Miss Allen.

"I have it, Frances. You didn't know, but Mr. Moore's name is Edgar, too, and he is engaged to Julia Mason. It was he you heard over the wire. Tell her it's so, old man," Mr. Richards hurriedly explained, while Mr. Moore stood glaring and rubbing the back of his neck.

"Yes, that's right," he admitted, "and Julia is the best little woman you ever saw."

"Can you forgive me, Edgar?" humbly asked Miss Allen.

"If you'll cook my meals for the rest of our lives, yes!" was the answer.

Of course, the "hall room boys" were right around the corner of the porch, listening to it all.

"No more hash, stewed prunes or canned corn for him—lucky dog!" muttered Dave.

"Let us get married, then, and have no more of it," suggested Tom.

"Huh! Say, stewed prunes, canned corn and hash aren't that bad?" quickly retorted Dave.

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HAT approximately \$700,000,000 is required by the public utility companies of the country to provide service for an additional million inhabitants, is one of the interesting facts brought forth in the recently published report of Senator Willard M. Calder's Committee on Reconstruction and Production.

After a searching inquiry into the various conditions bearing upon the housing situation and the country's industrial production, the Committee finds that the business of public utilities has outgrown their plant facilities owing to the inability of the companies to finance improvements and additions necessary to take care of the increased service demands.

"Prior to the war," states the Committee, "it is estimated that the normal annual requirements of electric railway, gas, and electric light and power companies for extensions, betterments, and improvements was about \$500,000,000, proportioned as follows: Electric railways, \$250,000,000; gas companies, \$125,000,000; electric light and power companies \$125,000,000.

The Committee has been informed that for four years not over 40 per cent of such betterments has been made, leaving an accumulation of about \$1,200,000,000. If this sum is added to \$700,000,000 required alone for new residential buildings held in abeyance, a total of approximately \$2,000,000,000 seems necessary for the public utility program in the immediate future.

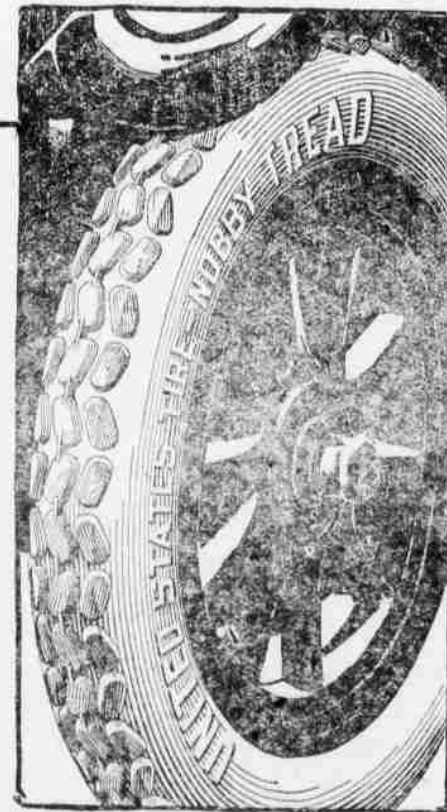
"The question of placing these businesses on a sound financial basis in order that credit may flow to them in the same question which confronts steam railroads and housing, but in the case of public utilities the case is more difficult because there is no central body as now provided in the case of steam railroads which might adjust rates in proper relation to operating costs and capital investment. The utilities likewise suffer in their effort to secure new capital for necessary extensions of service by the almost insurmountable difficulty of having to compete for such capital with municipal, state and similar tax-exempt securities. Until these problems are solved the public should recognize this underlying reason for much of the faulty service and for the failure to provide the additional facilities urgently demanded to meet community needs.—Paid Advertisement.

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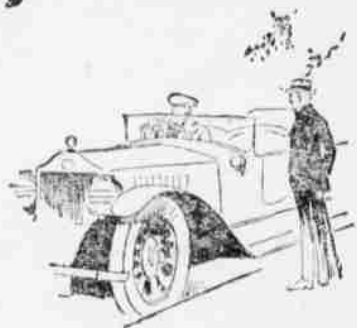
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