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NOVEL TRIMMINGS

Hand-Made Decorations Favored by Paris Dressmakers.

Designers Are in Strong Competition to Produce Most Unusual Ideas in Ornamentation.

Designers appear to be competing with one another in an effort to create unusual trimmings, writes a Paris fashion correspondent.

Renee, who has always excelled in hand-made decorations, is offering many suggestions, particularly in self-materials. She makes considerable use of the tabs of the same material as the garment, usually massing them at the side or front in panel effect.

Another effective method of ornamentation popular with this designer is leaflike points and narrow strips of silk or cloth pasted together and then massed to form a design.

She gains an unusual effect by making flowers of the material used for the dress and tipping the points of the petals with gold sealing wax. This sort of trimming frequently is used on velvet frocks. Renee also treats tiny ribbon loops and short fringes in this way, using for these a sealing wax slightly darker than the fabric.

Lanvin is lavish with trimmings. She makes unstinting use of applique designs of monkey fur in either black or brown. She is quite as prodigal in her



Frock Trimmed Uniquely With White Silk Rope Braid.

use of trimming on garments of fur as on those of cloth. For instance, a model in Tibet lamb may be trimmed with bands of white rabbit.

An original idea in embroidery done with tiny shells has been launched by this designer. So diminutive are these shells that they present an appearance of pearl embroidery. Lanvin uses this type of trimming on evening gowns and headresses.

Embroideries, particularly those inspired by the Polish Renaissance, are of prime importance in all of the fall collections. They are most effective on plain dresses, the sleeves of which carry the trimming.

FUR ON TAILORED COSTUMES

Peltry is Applied in Unusual Ways on Many of the More Attractive Wearables.

The fall tailored costumes in many instances show large pieces of fur trimming applied in unusual ways. For instance, a distinctive gown is made of old green velours, the sides of the peplum being trimmed with large patches of fur. Its wide bell sleeves are bordered with a deep band of fur and the high collar is formed of the same peltry. The body of the jacket is semi-fitted and is made with a long waist line. Accompanying the costume is a wide-brimmed black velvet hat, ornamented with a black aigrette.

Another tailored costume recently noted also in velours of lovely blue-green tone had the skirts of its jacket widened at the sides by outstanding shaped pieces of skunk. The fur applications were wide at the upper part, gradually narrowing toward the lower edge. The collar was also of the fur. The wide bell sleeves were trimmed with ball buttons attached by cord.

The use of wide fur trimmings has extended even to the dinner costume, where it is used for effect only, warmth not being necessary, as in the case of outdoor garments.

Fringed, Embroidered Shawls.
There are shawls of white Chinese silks with long hand-knotted fringe, embroidered with large floral designs in white or gay colors. There are black crepe de chine ones, embroidered in black and white, also heavily fringed. Even the wraps for evening are dominated by this bias line which these shawls form when draped across the figure. Cut on the bias, when correctly adjusted, these shawls are distinctive, indeed.

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Live on Chestnuts.
In the mountainous districts of Auvergne, the Cevennes, and Corsica the inhabitants have rarely any other fare but chestnuts; these supply the absence of cereals or the deficiency of grain. Crushed into meal, they make a nutritive porridge with milk, or appetizing cakes, or are prepared as loaves, since the meal contains gluten.

Superstition Protects Spider.
There are traditions that hold the spider sacred. The French have a motto presaging bad luck for him who kills a spider in the morning; and there are old rhymes and warnings that those who wish to live and prosper will spare the life of this animal—it is not an insect, as most of us used to believe until entomologists informed us to the contrary.

Human Weights.
A woman, forty-three years old, five feet five inches tall, should weigh 143 pounds, and a man forty-eight years old, whose height is five feet seven inches, should weigh 156 pounds, according to a table compiled by the Association of Life Insurance Medical Directors and the Actuary Society of America.

Adage Has Been Twisted.
There have been various explanations of the phrase, "Nine tailors make a man," but the second word is a corruption of tellers. A "teller" was in ancient days a stroke of the "passing bell" of the parish church. Three tellers gave notice of the death of a child, six of a woman and nine of a man. When the parishioners would count the maximum number of strokes, their natural remark would be "Nine tellers make a man."

Wool of Australia.
The great superiority of Australian wool is supposed to be due mainly to climatic conditions; but no little credit is also due to the grasses and herbage upon which the sheep feed. The native grasses of Australia are looked upon as superior for pasture to exotic grasses; experience has inclined the opinion that way. They possess greater reproductive powers, and there is very little necessity for reseeding.

This May Not Be a Discovery.
Egotism is like money. We always think someone else has too much of it.

Wanted to Know.
Willie—Say, ma, do the Jellyfish get their jelly from the ocean currents?—Boston Transcript.