

IS SEASON FOR BEAUTY

FEMININE FINERY NEVER SO LUXURIOUS AS NOW.

Showing of Imported Frocks by One New York House Reveals the Extravagance That is to Be Marked.

The shops are all displaying fashions they calculated to arouse the enthusiasm even of the most indifferent observer, but one house on lower Broadway had on view last week a collection of imported frocks which struck the high note of the season with regard to extravagance. Elsewhere were found models as beautiful, but nowhere else were so many superb creations shown in one group.

Every famous French dressmaker was represented by the best of his or her productions, and looking over the scores of elaborate models and reading the price labels, one could not help exclaiming over the extravagance which can justify a shrewd buyer in catering after this fashion to American women. The only conclusion is that American purses must be full and American husbands and fathers must be very indulgent to permit such a season of unusual extravagance. It is also to be



Chantilly Lace and Chiffon.

a season of exceptionally beautiful clothes. This fact has been evident since the first autumn models began to drift across the seas, and the collection of frocks referred to above emphasized it, underscored it, put exclamation marks after it.

After a general survey of the exhibit, one was left with a dazed impression as of a riot of velvets and furs, chiffons and laces, wonderful gleaming embroideries and supple silks in lines of indescribable beauty. But closer study revealed the unity in variety and resolved the bewildering confusions into their component parts.

CASE FOR OPERA GLASSES

May Be Made Without Much Trouble From Any Strong Material That Is Fancied.

In our sketch may be seen a case for opera glasses, that can be made without much trouble, and in which the glasses may be comfortably carried. Any strong material may be



Case Ready for Use.

used for the making of it, corded silk or art serge being especially suitable, and it should be lined with soft silk or some contrasting shade of color. It would be useless to suggest that

Our sketch shows a gown of chantilly lace and chiffon. A bright bit of color was added in the way of a deep reddish-purple belt and garlands of roses of harmonizing tones. The blouse and tunic were of white chiffon.

The profusion of intricate embroidery and beads is one of the most pronounced features of the handsome evening frocks and a quantity of dull gold and silver is another thing that leaves a distinct impression. Velvet and fur are omnipresent, and broades are claiming a surer hold than was accorded to them when manufacturers and dressmakers combined to push them last year.

MARY DEAN.

MANY NOVELTIES FOR FALL

Wonderful Selection From Which the Woman of Fashion May Pick Her Favorites.

Milady of fashion who is seeking for novelties in fall fabrics will have a wonderful selection to choose from this year. The soft colors which blend so well with the autumnal tints are the new materials. Kittens' ear cloth, a soft, velvety material, just what the name implies, is a triumph indeed of the weaver's art. Drap de symple, a cloth fabric with the lustre and drap of charmeuse, chenille cloth which is rich, soft and distinctive, and peluche de laine bid fair to be some of the most used materials of the season.

The demand for soft clinging folds and draperies this year has taxed the manufacturer's skill to the greatest degree. The result from the loom is a marvel of art, even the stiff brocade of silver and gold, grained by our ancestors of old, has been transformed under the deft finger of the weaver into a pliable material with a softness that falls and drapes at the modiste's will. The brocade of this fall is of a royal richness, with a riot of color and fanciful designs. One beautiful design was woven of gold and claret, the warp being of one and the woof of the other. Over the background was brocade a design in plain claret. The complete effect was an impression of velled light.

Pompons With Beads.
Pretty pompons for slippers are made in this way: Gather a doubled strip of chiffon—about three inches wide when folded—into a foxtail. Make a little satin rose of the same color.

If you are not versed in the ways of making roses from satin, make two roses, as you made the chiffon one, one smaller than the other, and fasten them together, and they will look flower-like.

Use bright crystal beads, for the flower center, and dot beads around the edges of the petals of the satin rose. Pure, clear glass beads give the best effect, but gold or silver beads would also be pretty.

To Strengthen Silk Stockings.
To save silk stockings, first buy them large, almost a full size larger than you may wear in a cotton or lace stocking, then damp loosely the heel and toe, and places for garter catches, all before wearing the stockings. This prevents holes from appearing in heel and toe and the knee from having runners. Hinge and put on each stocking, and the stockings will last two or three times longer than when these precautions are not taken.

Have a Waistcoat.
To have a waistcoat for your autumn suit. All that you need is a yard and a quarter of silk in Scotch plaid, blue or brown, and old rose or black and white silk, and the stockings will last two or three times longer than when these precautions are not taken.

To fit any glasses can be made on the lines of that shown. It is cut out in three pieces, one piece forming the body of the case and fold over flap, and the other two pieces the sides. After the material has been cut out, it should be lined and then sewn together, the seams being hidden with a fine silk cord which is run round the edge of the flap. This flap can either be made to fasten with small buttons and buttonholes, or two snap fasteners, cut possibly from an old kid glove, can be used. A long loop of ribbon (the ends of which are sewn in on either side of the case) is provided by which it may be carried along upon the wrist.

The colors of the materials are a matter of choice, but dark green silk lined with soft silk of a lighter shade of the same color, and ribbon and cord of an old gold color, would be a strikingly pretty and effective combination.

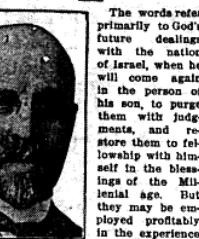
To Dress the Neck.
A band of fancy ribbon for the neck, topped with a narrow edge of fur, the ends at the left side under a bow of the ribbon, one edge of which is fur-trimmed. On no type of neckwear does narrow fur trimming show off to better advantage than on a gracefully draped scarf. Many such scarves are made of embroidered net or chiffon. Some of them have a wide throat band of black velvet, together with a Scholastic finish.

Popular Collar.
The beautiful Madril collar has reached a high place in popular favor.

How Good Refines Us

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TEXT—He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.—Malachi 3:2.



The words refer primarily to God's future dealings with the nation of Israel, when he will come again in the person of his son, to purge them with judgment, and restore them to fellowship with himself in the blessings of the Millennium. But they may be employed profitably in the experience of every individual Christian believer in the present time.

God is refining and purifying every one of us who is truly his through faith in his dear son; and the close of the old year and the opening of a new one is a good time to consider some of the ways in which he does it.

1. He refines us by the example of that son. He sets him before us in his word one who was always well-pleasing in his sight. Obedient to his earthly parents, faithful as a workman at his bench, content in poverty and obscurity, meek and lowly in heart, kind and tender to his fellow-men, reverent, but reviling not again, truthful, hopeful, loving, holy, and without sin—as we gaze upon him in his inspired portraitures in the gospel, how we long to be like him, if we possess his spirit at all, what a refining and purifying power there is in the story of his life!

2. He refines us by his providences. How wisely, how patiently, and how lovingly God deals with us every one, how how universally it is true as David said, that his "gentleness" makes us great (2 Samuel 22:36). "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth" (Heb. 12:6), but think what this chastening has meant to all who have served him—Jacob, Moses, David, Daniel, Paul! But these are joyous providences as well as grievous ones, and they are refining and purifying too. It was the dear draught of fishes which Peter did not expect, that caused him to cry out: "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord" (Luke 5:8). What do you know of this experience?

3. He refines us by his word. We recall the testimony of the psalmist, "Thy word have I hid in my heart, and I might not sin against Thee" (Psalm 119:11). The interesting prayer of Christ for his disciples, "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth" (John 17:17). The teaching of Paul to the Romans, where he says (6:17, 18): "God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." Where could we find a clearer statement of the refining power of the word of God? First, by nature, we were servants of sin. Then we heard the word of God, "the form of doctrine," as Paul calls it, the message of the gospel. This we obeyed, we believed in the heart, we spoke, and we began to inquire about his will, and to seek to do it. Immediately thereupon, and in so far, we became free from sin. No longer did it continue to hold the old power over us, but instead we became servants of righteousness. Like our holy exemplar, we could say, "I delight to do thy will, O God!"

4. He refines us by his spirit. The holy spirit is a divine person, the same as the father and the son, and he dwells within every true believer in Jesus Christ. "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Romans 8:9). His office work is to bear witness to us, to sanctify him, to lead and guide him into all truth, and to take the things of Christ and show them unto him (John 16:13, 14). Of course, this means that he uses the Bible, the word of God, and hence the necessity that in all our reading and study of that word, we be continually in prayer for the spirit's aid. But, oh, what wonders he works in such a case! "Be not deceived," says Paul to the Corinthians, "neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor envious, nor haters of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor evil-willers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you; but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of our God" (1 Cor. 6:9-11). What a testimony, and yet how often has it been repeated in the history of the saints from that day until this! Verily, God is a refiner and a purifier. Let us trust him. Let us obey his word. Let us follow the example of Jesus Christ, and "walk even as he walked." Let us yield ourselves to his spirit, that he may be glorified in us. Let the year that is behind of us, if we live, and if the Lord tarries, be one in which

Our golden shall shine out with a richer

The longest word in the English language is antitransubstantiationism.

It is easier for a country minister to earn his salary than it is to get it.

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Some Good Advice.

The restaurant manager stood behind the cashier's desk, wearing his stock-in-trade smile for each customer.

An old gentleman came up. "I notice," said he, fumbling for his wallet, "that you advertise to make your own plan."

"Yes, sir," answered the manager proudly, "we do."

"Will you permit me to offer a suggestion?"

"Certainly, sir; certainly. We should be most happy to have you."

"Well, then, let some one else make 'em."

FACE ITCHED AND BURNED

222 No. Union St., Aurora, Ill.—"My ailment started with a little pimple and it always itched and burned terribly. I scratched it and in a few days my face was all covered with sores. It ran up to my eyes and the day after I could not see out of my right eye. I was unable to get any rest. I couldn't go to bed, being afraid of getting the clothing all soiled, although I had my face all bandaged."

"I was given two jars of salve but it kept getting worse. It was something like a running sore because every time I washed my face with soap and water, it would burn and I had to wrap bandages around my neck to keep the water and pus from running down my body. I wrote for a sample of Cuticura Soap and Ointment and in a few days I received these and washed my face with the Cuticura Soap and put on some Cuticura Ointment and the next morning my face felt cool and somewhat relieved. I kept using the same, but I bought some Cuticura Soap and Ointment at the drug store. I followed this treatment just twenty-six days and after using one cake of Cuticura Soap and two boxes of Cuticura Ointment I was cured." (Signed) George Miller, Jan. 1, 1913.

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ANOTHER GOOD YEAR IN WESTERN CANADA

MANITOBA, SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA HAVE SPLENDID CROPS.

The results of the thrashing throughout Western Canada shows a more wonderful yield than usual of wheat, oats, barley and flax, all of which was harvested and threshed in perfect order. Not only was the average yield excellent over the entire country, but the quality was of the highest standard. Without going into figures, it is sufficient to say that wheat graded almost universally very near the top. Reports are to hand showing yields of wheat from many fields which averaged forty bushels per acre, and weighing 65 pounds to the measured bushel. Oats were very heavy, running from fifty to one hundred and fifty bushels to the acre. Barley also was a very heavy yielder and kept up the reputation of Western Canada as a producer of that cereal. In many parts of the country the yield of flax exceeded the earlier expectations, but in other parts, there was some loss on account of winds blowing off the boll. Hundreds of farmers have only been in the country three or four years, with but little means when they arrived, will, out of the crop of this year, clean up all their indebtedness, and be able to put something aside for further improvements on their farms and homes which are now freed of incumbrance. The writer has just heard of the experience of a man in the Battledore district that is worth repeating. He went to the district seven or eight years ago, with no money, worked for a time, got a team of horses, did some freighting and homesteaded a quarter section of land. He now owns 480 acres of land, clear of all encumbrances, and has wheat, oats, barley and hay, as well as a good number of horses, cattle and hogs, feeding rough grain to the stock. He is a firm believer in mixed farming. The fifty dollars that he first earned in the country has now increased to \$25,000. He has never had a crop failure. Instances of this kind could be repeated over and over again.