

# FASHION

The new spring fabrics—those sent in advance as a forerunner of the season—are chiefly dotted dimities and embroidered mulls.

All are elaborate, many of the skirts being embroidered all over. And flounces! There are from one to six of these made as full as possible, and the skirts almost stand alone. The ruffles, too, are embroidered about the edge, and hemstitched where they join the skirt. Fillet lace and insertion are also shown on the new robes, which come ready to put on the silk slip. One of these half-made garments is of silky fine linen literally covered with a coarse fillet lace. It winds about the entire skirt and edges the wide, graduated flounce at the bottom. The bodice—what one can see of it before it is put together—has points of the lace all over from top to bottom. Tans and black-and-white in combination seem to have the lead, if we can judge by the samples.

On New Year's Eve the crowds at the fashionable dining places exhibited some ravishing wraps. The gowns beneath them were not so wonderful, but the wraps were striking. One with a Worth label that rested beside my own was the most exquisite thing of its kind I have ever seen. It was primarily of brocaded silk velvet of superior texture. The ground was a delicate cream in color, while the roses with which it was strewn were of the natural soft tints of bride and blush roses, shading into delicate azure. The cloak was half-fitting and long. About the bottom was a chiffon flounce a foot or more in depth, edged with one ruching upon another. This chiffon had in it all the faint tints of the rainbow, and upon the rich material which composed the wrap was most effective. There were four of these full flounces, two of plain cream-colored chiffon and two of the rainbow variety. About the hand fell six of the full flounces from the bottom of the wide sleeve. One of these was of Russian lace. These flounces, with their variety of lace and chiffon, outlined the entire garment. They garnished the wide collar and adorned both sides of the front opening. To this trimming a narrow band of sable was added. The wrap was lined throughout with bright pink panne velvet.

It seems now to be quite proper to use panne or highly colored silks for linings, making the inside of the wrap almost as attractive as the exterior. Another imported wrap had rosebuds of delicate pink and white upon the lining of the sleeves, where they fell away from the elbow to the hand, and the effect was charming.

A novel black-and-white cloak of New York make was over white panne. It was made of velvet ribbon and fine black lace alternating in longitudinal stripes. It was very handsome, but it lacked the indefinite chic charm of the French garments.

A short sable coat had most remarkable sleeves. They were very wide from the elbows, almost Chinese, and had a ruffle of fur at the hand. This served as a background for many lovely lace ruffles. The effect was particularly good when the wearer raised her hands to remove her veil.

A white broadcloth had trimmings entirely of white chiffon ruffles and ruchings, and was lined with sky blue.

Upon a recent Broadway shopping expedition I encountered two costumes which really merit attention. One was a black velvet serpentine skirt, very long (a serpentine skirt is ridiculous unless it is very long), and a white silk blouse peeping out from the open coat. It was of most carefully selected chinchilla. The coat was short, with bishop sleeves and steel buckles. There was lace about the wide, flat collar and down the front. The hat was perfectly flat, black, and trimmed with any quantity of tiny deep-red rosebuds. It was worn well over the face.

The other costume was of gray and black shepherd's plaid, trimmed with stitched black silk bands and small steel buttons. The coat was of medium length, and the furs which matched it so stunningly were black lynx. The muff was huge, and the long, wide boa reached to the knees. A black hat with a white plume completed a decidedly fetching outfit.—Town Topics.

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### The Neatest Woman in Our Town

As Diogenes with his lamp searched for an honest man, so I with my note-book searched for the neatest woman in town.

"This is an easy task," I thought, as I made this entry in my note-book.

9 a. m. Monday—Have started this morning to find the neatest woman in our town. Am quite positive it lies between Mrs. Black and Mrs. Brown. Will call on Mrs. Black first.

5 p. m. Monday—Am convinced that Mrs. Brown deserves the prize. Mrs. Black greeted me spotlessly and becomingly dressed, but when she took me into the kitchen to see her new range I noticed a pile of unwashed dishes in the sink. Will call on Mrs. Brown.

8 p. m. Monday—My call on Mrs. Brown was unsatisfactory. When I entered her house the effect was neatness itself, except Mrs. Brown. There was a spot on the front of her dress and her hair looked very untidy.

8 p. m. Tuesday—Am quite convinced that there is no neatest woman in our town. Each is neat in some things and careless about others. Each has some untidy point. Will investigate further.

6 p. m. Wednesday—After many calls and much effort, I have come to the conclusion that the neatest woman in town is dead. Common consent pronounces Mrs. Gray the neatest woman. In her will she left \$152.52 to pay some one fifteen cents a week for six years to clear the space around her grave of weeds and to scrub off her tombstone with sapolio. This was explicitly stated. Her aversion to dirt is shown in her last words. As she was fast sinking into unconsciousness she murmured: "How can I bear to turn to dust."  
JANE YOUNG.

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"Jack?"  
"Yes, dear."  
"How do you suppose astronomers ever found out the names of the stars?"

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In the district court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the application of Charles M. Parker, administrator of the estate of John E. Haas, deceased, for license to sell real estate.

### ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE.

This cause coming on for hearing upon the petition of said administrator and the proofs offered in support of the same, and it appearing that there is not sufficient personal property of the said estate in the hands of said administrator to pay the legal debts and expenses of the same, and it appearing further, that it is necessary and proper that the real estate of the said John E. Haas, deceased, should be sold to pay the same, and being fully advised in the premises,

It is ordered and adjudged by me, as Judge of the District Court, that all persons interested in said estate be, and they are hereby directed to be and appear before the Judge of said District Court on Tuesday, the 28th day of January, 1902, at 9 o'clock, standard time, in the forenoon at the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska, then and there to show cause, if any there be, why license should not be granted to said administrator to sell the real estate of the deceased, described in said petition for the purpose of paying the debts and legal expenses of said estate.

It is further ordered and adjudged that service of this notice be made by publishing the same for four consecutive weeks in the "Courier," a legal newspaper in said county.

LINCOLN FROST,  
Judge of the District Court.  
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