

Available for Wear With Various Frocks



A separate coat, which becomes a suit-coat when worn with its own particular skirt, but is available for wear with various frocks, will commend itself to every woman, especially to her who contemplates a journey. Many of these coats have been designed this season, and they have been enthusiastically welcomed. They are shown in tans, grays, black and white mixtures, and in checks. In these neutral colors they go well with frocks or skirts in any color.

One of the newest and smartest of coats of this kind is shown in the picture. It is cut with almost straight lines at the front and back and trimmed in braid and buttons with a crisp military precision. At each side, a little below the waist line, there is an insert of fan plaits, giving the desired flare, and the double turnover collar, set on at the back, is another concession to demands of the vogue.

The skirt to match is plain, fitted about the hips and with a very conservative flare from hip line to bottom edge. It is a little longer than ankle length, but short enough to be a correct tailored model.

In nearly all coats of this kind the fit is vague, the waist line either

raised above or dropped below the normal, and only a suggestion, at most. In many of them lines are perfectly straight or show a gradual flare from the shoulders down.

New Towels.

Some of the newest Turkish towels have an initial quite four or five inches long, worked in French knots at the left of the towel, above the border, instead of in the center, as is usually done. For a man's use towels worked with these large letters are very good looking.

Among the newest designs for small guest towels is one of a fine damask of a very small pattern without a woven border. The latter is hemstitched on and consists of an inch-wide hem of colored linen, pink or blue.

The initial may be embroidered in white on the hem or worked on the towel itself in a color to correspond with the hem.

Separate Coats.

Separate coats are receiving a great deal of attention; motor coats continue to be full length or seven-eighths. Some of the newer coats are of uneven length.

Headwear for All-Weather Motoring



Now that the return of spring lures everyone to the out-of-doors, devotees of motoring are happily busy getting together their "motor togs." Coats and headwear for rain-or-shine driving must be considered from every point of view, and let no one think that becomingness is not as important in motor apparel as in any other. But this is a hint hardly needed for the buyer of headwear. Women are accustomed to placing becomingness as the paramount essential when choosing any kind of millinery. In the choice of motor hats there is so great a range this spring that one can afford to be exacting and to look until the very best model is found.

Two motor bonnets are pictured here that may be depended upon for good service. They are made of silk. One of them boasts a brim and is quite like a hat in shape. It is developed in pongee with brim-rever turning up at the back over the folded-over crown. A silk cord and fan of fringed braid supply the decoration and these are supplied in any color demanded. The bonnet at the left of the picture is made in changeable taffeta piped with a dark color in the same silk.

The "body" possessed by this silk makes it especially well suited to soft crowns. Also, in the better grade, it has fine resisting qualities against dampness, and sheds dust readily. This bonnet is finished with broad ribbon ties in a soft weave that will not crush. A buckle, made of the silk used in the pipings, over a foundation of buckram, and two flat buttons of the same, are used for trimming.

Many of the new veils are large squares of chiffon hemmed all around. Among them is a novelty showing a square insert of net or lace in the chiffon at one side. This is placed over the face, when the veil is not needed for actual protection, and allows the wearer to see clearly.

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Spring Waists.

Spring waists are both novel and wearable. The most noticeable features are the continued use of high collars and the return of jabots and ruffles. That the jabot has returned is good news, for never did women look more attractive than when they wore jabots and ruffles of crisp linen and lace.—Vogue.

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT

FIGURE COST OF BAD ROADS

Hauling Produce More Expensive Here Than in European Countries —Total Haulage Expense.

"American farmers have begun to figure the matter of roads a little differently than in former years," says President Claude S. Briggs of the Briggs-Detroit company of Detroit. "When the good-roads movement was in its infancy they used to ask themselves 'How much will good roads cost me?' Thanks to the intelligent propaganda of the daily and farm papers as well as other agencies farmers are now asking themselves 'How much are bad roads costing me?'"

"According to government experts the cost of hauling a ton of farm produce a mile varies from seventeen cents in localities where fairly hard gravel roads exist to thirty-five cents a ton in parts of the country where the roads are in poor condition. On the other hand, in those European countries where hard roads prevail the cost is as low as nine cents a ton a mile. The department of agriculture has estimated that the total haul-



Climbing the Continental Divide.

age expense to American farmers for a year is approximately \$500,000,000. And every dollar of this sum comes from the farmer's pocket, for he is the one great producer who cannot add the haulage expense to his wares, for the prices he gets are on a delivered basis.

"I believe that if every farmer would take pencil and paper and figure the amount in tons of the produce and stock he markets in a year, multiply it by the number of miles he must haul to market, multiply the total by 25, which is about the average hauling cost a ton a mile, and then consider that he could save nearly half of this amount every year if he had concrete or other hard roads all the way to his market, he would become an earnest good-roads worker."

"And this actual dollars and cents saving doesn't take into consideration the many advantages of good roads in bringing neighbors closer together, in making it easier and pleasanter to get to church, school, entertainments, etc."

"With wider interest in better roads must come a more efficient system of road building and maintenance. This is work for experienced and competent highway engineers, just as much as building a railroad is the work of highly-trained specialists. It is no plaything for politicians."

SLOW IN TAKING ADVANTAGE

Certain Loss Due to Bad Roads Made Apparent When Sledding is Good During Winter.

The heavy snows and excellent sledding serve to emphasize what might be accomplished if good roads prevailed all over the country. Farmers can take their bobs and put on twice as heavy loads as is possible at other times. It is not argued, of course, that with roads as smooth as a dance hall floor the teams could pull on wheeled vehicles the loads they do now on bobs. But there is a certain loss due to bad roads that is made all the more apparent by the ease with which transportation is made when the sledding is good, says South Bend Tribune. And to think that for all these years nature has been showing us the advantage of good roads and we have been so slow to take the hint! It should make us ashamed of our blindness and stupidity.

Solve Social Ills.

Elbert Hubbard says that "Good roads are the most needed thing in the world. Good roads and quick, safe and cheap transportation are going to solve most of our social ills."

Many Benefits Derived.

Good roads will decrease ignorance, poverty, discouragement, immorality, profanity, back taxes, sheriff's sales and grouchiness.

Gardening Time Coming.

Gardening time will be here before you are ready for it, if you are not careful, regardless of the cold winds today!

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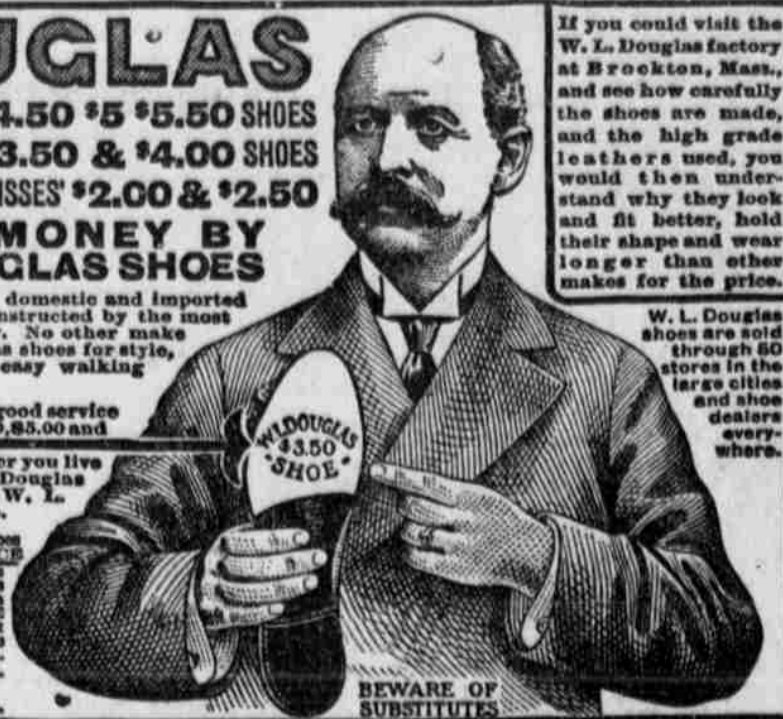
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BEWARE OF SUBSTITUTES

HIS SAD LIFE STORY

British Soldier Had Reason for Loving Children.

Romance Unfolded as He Lay Mortally Wounded in Companions' Arms—Youngsters Mourned for Friend They Loved.

A touching story of a dying soldier's revelation to a comrade is sent home by the latter, Private S. A. Kelsey of the army service corps, in a letter to a relative at Coulsdon.

"The life and soul of our lot," as Private Kelsey describes him—the central figure of the story—"a bigger hearted man never put on his majesty's uniform"—had a great love for little children, and it was this trait in his character that underlay a tragic life story which he unfolded as he lay dying in his companions' arms.

"Not only," says his friend, "was he a favorite with all men with whom he associated, but the little kiddies loved and idolized him and he loved the kiddies."

"On many occasions when on the march he would pick a youngster up and give him a pickaback. He would play with poor frightened nippers by the roadside, and they very soon learned to trust and love him."

"He had a strange fascination which I could never solve until just before he died in my arms."

"On Christmas eve he got hold of five or six boys and girls and romped with them, and divided amongst them a large box of sweets he had received from home."

"On Christmas day he was sent up to the trenches and returned with wonderful tales of how he joined our troops in exchanging presents with the Germans and singing carols."

"He brought back with him some chocolate the Germans had exchanged with him for a pie. He put them on one side for his romping playmates, as he called the little ones in the village."

"These he distributed the next day to the nippers, to whom he sang a carol in his broken French. He taught

them to call him 'Big Uncle John,' and never seemed to be so happy as when he was in their company.

"It was on January 2 that a sniper's bullet brought poor Jack — down. This was not his proper name, as I discovered just before he died."

"His history was a sad one, full of romance, as the newspapers say, and I now know why he was so passionately fond of children."

"We were out together on duty when he was hit, and we got him back as soon as possible. He knew it was all over with him, and he then told me his history, and made me promise, if I returned home, as I hope I shall for his sake, to see his wife and give her a message."

"Who ever thought he was married? He also confided in the chaplain, and then, holding my hand, muttered: 'God bless you, Sam. Good-by; don't forget what I have told you and kiss the little French kiddies for me.'"

"He died a few hours later and was buried the next day."

"It made my heart ache," says Kelsey, "when I saw the youngsters. They cried bitterly and put on his grave a bunch of flowers. There was attached a card, on which was written, 'Big Uncle John' and something in French."

"Don't think I'm getting sentimental, but, after all, how horrible is war. It is more likely than not that one of the Germans he was laughing and joking with on Christmas day was the man who sniped him off."—London Chronicle.

Give a man over forty his choice of any one thing and he will select peace.

Most of the good is accomplished by those who do not make a profession of that line of work.

The man who acquires the reputation of being great usually looks bigger at a distance.

Honor thy father and thy mother, young man, but when they pick out a wife for you it's your cue to kick.

A smile may hide a man's thoughts, just as paint occasionally conceals a woman's complexion.

Little things console us because our afflictions are little ones.

More to the Point. Clerk—This is the best burglar alarm made. The burglar no sooner enters the house than it alarms the residents.

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Helpful Advice.

"Some of these social workers evolve some profound theories."

"What now?" "This one advises the poor to modify the cost of living by purchasing their stuff in barrel lots."

Quite Correct.

"What reason have you for asserting that Love isn't blind?"

"Well, I've noticed that his blandest smiles are all for the prettiest girls."

Same Thing.

"Oh, dear! I must do something to reduce my weight. I weigh a hundred and sixty."

"Stripped?"

"Well, in my dancing frock."

Unfailing Courtesy.

"The convict who escaped was one of the most polite men in the prison."

"Yes; even when he knocked the guard down, he said, 'Excuse the liberty I'm taking.'"

After the Meeting.

Orator's Wife—Did the people applaud?

Orator (with bitterness)—Applaud? They made less noise than a rubber heel in a feather bed!

Creem of the Puzzle.

"I see where the Kurds are going on a massacre."

"Is there no way out of it?"

His Standing.

"Is he successful as a writer of sensational literature?"

"Is he? Why, he has no inferior."

Dampness caused by a woman's tears is always oppressive.

A wise man guesses a woman's age ten years too young.

Marriage is the monotony that relieves the excitement of life.



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