

Handsome and Practical Corduroy Coat



Two favorites of fashion for this season enter into the composition of this handsome coat; they are the corduroy velvet of which it is made, and the opossum fur on the collar. Corduroy in a good quality is about the best choice one can make among materials designed for coats for general wear, and the high favor of opossum fur threatens to thin the ranks of the little animal, whose fine markings have lately sprung into unprecedented favor.

The coat is long, ample and graceful. It is cut with the long arm's-eye and easy adjustment which makes it practical for wear over evening gowns.

Linings selected for coats of this kind are of thin, supple silk or crepe, in order that the coat may fall in good lines about the figure. It is cut

with full skirt, which ripples at the bottom, and is provided with a shaped belt and sash ends of the corduroy, also lined with silk. Machine stitching makes the finish, and the elegance of the coat is still further enhanced by the lack of any other trimming.

The model is double-breasted, fastening at the throat with a single large and ornamental button. A similar button in a smaller size appears on each cuff. The collar is made so that it may be rolled up about the neck and fastened with hook and eye in a high turnover.

Although pictured as worn over an evening gown, this coat is appropriate for all sorts of wear. The material is very serviceable, but its rich luster places it in the class of dressy coats as well as among those designed for much wear.

Beautiful Types of Picture Hats



Two of the most beautiful hats of the season are portrayed here, and they belong to those types that with little variation reappear with each season. They are picture hats on such good lines and with so much to recommend them that their welcome is always assured.

The hat at the left is made of black velvet or of one of the dark shades which are fashionable in colors. The crown is round. The wide brim is flexible and cut with a straight edge at the right side. At the left it turns up and is bent toward the crown, showing, altogether, the influence of the season's tendency toward eccentric brims. Its lines are wonderfully becoming.

It remained for this season to show just what beautiful effects can be wrought by the artist whose medium of expression is the fancy feather. This hat is trimmed with fancy ostrich. It seems that nothing else could look just as well.

The hat at the right is a wide-brimmed French sailor made of velvet faced with striped plush. Its color possibilities are worth considering. It has a round crown and, for trimming, another masterpiece in fancy feathers.

It is not always easy to recognize the kind of feather which those clever people who work in them convert into the things of beauty that adorn so

much of the season's millinery. But some feathers, like those of the bird of paradise, are too beautiful in their natural state to be improved upon, while others are vastly changed and beautified by the makers of fancy feathers.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

The New Belts.
Four-inch belts of soft kid in light and medium colors are bound with black or white silk braid. Black ribbon lacings through black eyelets are seen on smart models. Ornaments and buckles to match are used on belts, the former being placed at the back. Buckles are also made of jet, gilt, pearl, galalith, silver, beads, etc. A very military-looking belt of kid or leather has for a fastening a buckle imitating four cartridges made of gilt, nickel, gun metal or a combination of two metals. Embroidered belts are used of satin, ribbon, soft kid or panne velvet. With princess fronts the belt disappeared under the side of the one-piece effect. Sometimes it is worn at the real waist line, or it may go an inch above.

White Net Gown.
A charming gown is of white net with blossoms hung from the tabs of silver braid. Another pretty decoration consists of bowknots of silver ribbon.

NEWS and GOSSIP of WASHINGTON



State Department Needs Fine Penmen for Notes

WASHINGTON.—A "note" in the old sense of the term was a brief, informal message sent to a friend or acquaintance. In the language of the diplomatic world, a "note" is a most formal document. In fact, it is the most formal method of communication between two sovereigns.

"Notes" have been going from Washington with more or less frequency of late, and while the world is interested in the contents, few think of the way the word of the president of the United States is conveyed to the rulers on the other side of the seas. Such messages are written, or more properly speaking, they are engrossed by the fine penmen in the employ of the department of state, Ben G. Davis, E. B. Russ, and Percy F. Allen. The department of state is the home of perfect penmanship. More of it is done here than in all the other offices of the government put together. The reason is that all foreign correspondence is essentially distinctive and individual in its character. Here old forms of address and quaint complimentary closings are the order of letters of diplomacy going out to kings, emperors, potentates, and rulers of the great and small countries that are dotted over the face of the earth.

This correspondence that has a tendency to redundancy, or at least to verbosity in some cases, cannot be conducted by printed or engraved forms. It is individual and it is necessary that the document shall be entirely legible, and artistic as well. It must, therefore, be done under the hand of a man who is a master of the pen—a "Jim the Penman," who uses his talents only for good and legitimate purposes.

Corps of Engineers Keeps Busy in Peace Times

THERE is one division in the war department as busy in times of peace as it is indispensable in time of war—the corps of engineers. To it falls not only the preparation of our forts and coast defenses, but the care of all the national waterways and harbors. If Podunk wants its creek converted into a raging ship canal Podunk must secure the approval of the district engineer and the chief of engineers before congress will appropriate from the treasury the money to pay for the operation.

The jurisdiction of the war department extends to the navigable waters and the streams that feed them, so that no bridges can be constructed over the navigable waters without a permit, and practically no dam can be maintained in even the smallest stream if the department finds that it is against the interest of the government, as guardian of navigation, that it should exist.

The courts have held that the water supply of a navigable river must not be curtailed. So, when a complaint was made by a ferryman that manufacturers on the Savannah were putting up flashboards on Saturday afternoon until Monday morning to conserve their supply of water, thus making the river below the dam fall so low that he could not operate his ferry boat, the department ordered the flashboards removed, and although there were threats of lawsuits, the water resumed its flow Sundays as well as other days.

All the functions of this nonmilitary authority of the war department are exercised by the secretary through the engineer corps, and since the government has already expended more than \$800,000,000, and the appropriation last year was a little more than \$35,000,000 for this branch of the service, it will be seen that some heavy work must be done.

Rifles, Dogs and Ferrets Clean Out "Rattown"

THE population of "Rattown," in the Eastern market, Seventh and C streets southeast, one of the most prominent local centers for the tribes of rodents of the District, suffered the other night at the hands of men armed with rifles, eager terriers and lithe ferrets. To the latter crawling into pipes about half as big as their own bodies is all in the day's work.

For months the activities of the rats caused Marketmaster James A. Mangan to suffer with nightmare. Not contented with holding banquets each night among the big stands, they had grown so bold that they staged caucuses, debates and committee meetings in the middle of the floor at noon, the presence of customers and clerks making no impression upon them. That is all over now, though. James H. Sherman, superintendent of weights, measures and markets, was appealed to, and, like a modern Pied Piper, he indicated the method by which the rats could be restrained from running the bazaar. The dogs, ferrets and marksmen were procured, and they commenced a ten-day war.

When the popping of rifles, shrill yelps of dogs and squeaks of rats—they generally gave just one squeak before the terriers broke their neck—proceeded from the market, groups of spectators gathered about. There were precipitate retreats from doorways and windows when some rodent working the law of self-preservation to the limit dashed madly for the sidewalks.

When the ferrets were released from the boxes in which they lay sleeping unconcernedly, things began to move more quickly.

Great Recreation Ground for Adults in Capital

A MAMMOTH recreation ground for grown-ups, so universal in appeal that the lover of practically every sport will find the means of indulging his favorite pastime; so central in location that the business man and the government clerk need waste no precious moments after office hours in reaching it, and so cosmopolitan in establishment that the multimillionaire can find congenial companionship as well as the man who works for a small wage.

Such is the gigantic plan now under way in Washington, that will give to the capital a recreation ground equaled in no other world center and far outshining all other similar places in this country. Furthermore, Uncle Sam is backing the project, financially as well as in every other way. The location for this recreation park is that portion of Potomac park east of the railway tracks. It is a piece of ground which on the old maps of the District was designated merely as "river." In other words, it is "made ground."

Present plans for the recreation park call for a vast stadium, one 18-hole golf course, 40 tennis courts, six baseball diamonds, two gridirons, two cricket fields, two bathing pools, with suitable house adjacent for dressing-room purposes; a boating area, band stand, golf house and refreshment house, as well as general picnic grounds.

Just how long it will take to build this gigantic playground for grown-ups and how much money will be needed are two questions which Colonel Harta finds himself unable to answer. He makes the emphatic statement, however, that a beginning will be made just as soon as congress appropriates sufficient money, and that as soon as the next session convenes plans will be in shape to show the appropriations committee.

Destructive Heresies

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TEXT—But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.—11 Peter 2:1.

The title of this sermon is taken from the Revised Version of the Holy Scriptures, and at first glance this would seem to be less portentous than the expression in the Authorized Version, "damnable heresies." As ordinarily understood, "damnation" or "condemnation" suggests the eternal punishment of the finally impenitent, and in such a text as this the meaning would be that those who present such heresies will be subjects of this condemnation.

What is Heresy?
Scripturally, one meaning is that it refers to sects or persons, and another that it refers to discords or dissensions. In Peter's time there were persons in the communities to which he wrote, who were giving out teachings that were not in accord with what he had taught. Notwithstanding that all that is not in accord with the accepted teaching of the church is not "damnable" nor "destructive," it is a simple matter of fact that there have been men, and it is sad to say women, too, who have been bringing in "heresies of destruction." We receive the suggestion in the text, "false teachers bringing in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them." The ordinary result of such work has been the securing to these teachers many followers, and bringing upon themselves the destruction which their heresies perforce entails.

Many Heresies of Today.
Probably never in the history of Christian thought and teaching were there so many "destructive heresies" as today. These are not in accord among themselves, and the man who does not like the truth of God's Word and has rejected the people of God is greatly perplexed to know what one of the many heresies he should adopt. The followers of these heresies, as a natural result, contend with each other just as bitterly as any one of them contends with the Gospel as accepted by the church through all of its history, everywhere, and by all (semper, ubique, et ab omnibus). And never in the history of the church were Christians needing to be under guard as today, for these false teachers are not always outside of the church. Peter says they are "among you." In some cases they have repudiated the church formally, but in many cases they cling to the church, wear its livery and pose as its teachers and leaders.

A heresy of today may be one of two things. It may be by an adding to the Word of God, or by omission, or ignoring some of it. There is hardly a modern religious fad that does not connect itself in some way with the Bible. The Bible may not be the chief literary authority, but in this country the religionist must come to the people with a profession of love for the Bible. The country is run over by religionists who sell, or if need be, give away religious literature, and oftentimes this literature is professedly based on the Bible. Paul avoided heresy and told the elders of the church at Ephesus that he had not failed to declare unto them the whole counsel of God. The most prominent of the modern teachers of the "destructive heresies" teach much that is in the Bible, but they leave out much which, if given out, would utterly change their teaching, and it is because of this that we speak of their teachings as heretical.

Peter sums up the heresy in mind in these words, "denying the Lord that bought them." Here we have a safeguard when we come to define heresies of destruction. They are in one way or another denials of Jesus Christ, either of his person or of some phase of his work.

Person and Work of Jesus Christ.
The great question of questions is, "What think ye of Christ—whose Son is he?" We are confined to the work of Christ as the Son of God. Now, briefly, what is the truth about the person of Jesus Christ? As taught by the church from the beginning, it is that Jesus Christ is the very Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, was historically a person in the days of Pontius Pilate, was absolutely sinless in his thought, teaching and life, died as the only sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world, rose again from the dead, ascended into heaven, where he now sits on the right hand of God, from whence he will come as judge and to be the mediatorial king or earth, and after manifesting his kingship in that form, will yield that kingdom up to God, that God may be all in all.



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"Abraham Lincoln was born on a bright, sunny day in February, 1809. He was born in a log cabin he had helped his father to build."

Hope Gleaners May Return.
For many years a picturesque scene has vanished from the country side, but which on account of the high price of corn I trust may be revived this year. I allude to the gleaners, who gladly avail themselves of the privilege of gathering in the aftermath of the reapers' toil.—London Globe.

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