Paris Emphasizes Mannish Styles for Spring

The first wireless reports from the Paris Couture openings, now in prog-ress and for which the fashion world waits eagerly, place the mannish, tailored style foremost. Far from waning in importance, the vogue marked by the boyish note, which is seing sounded strongly in current fashions here, and which had its inception in Paris, is still further strengthened in this latest manifestaon of approval.

Mannish suits and tailored frocks are mentioned frequently in most of the informal showings that have already been made, with the consensus of opinion placing a short, youthful silhouette, characterized by the usual straight lines, to the fore.

Two-piece suits are present in near ly every collection, with short jackets prominent. Le Bouvier shows short box jacket suits, while Jean Galot ors a moderately short jacket Amy Linker varies the mannish style of jacket with those, still within the confines of tailored development, in occasionally softly belted effects, having however, straight flat backs. For these suits, such fabrics as English mixtures and herring bones are employed, varying from the wool poplin and reps that are noted in nearly all the others.

Three-piece suits are included in many collections with both long and jackets. The outline and cut of jackets in many costumes depart from the regulation lines, as in an Amy Linker model that uses a bolero as the third member of a costume. In another also by Linker, a printed chiffon frock, worn with a scarf, is accompanied by a jacket of alpaca, suggesting a redingote in develop-

Wool poplin is again the choice in suits of this character.

Boyish frocks are represented by odels of both one and two-piece composition, with satin to the fore is the

The contrast between the tailered aspect of the daytime frock and the formal frock is greatly marked, inasmuch as chiffons and laces play an important role in the development of the latter, as against the severe, boyish tone of wool poplin, satin and alpaca. For evening, bead embroideries prevail, while little applied decoration is noted in daytime types. The touch of lingeries at neck and wrist line, is favored in the general wear

Library Chats

Dorothy Canfield Fisher, whose father was at one time chancellor at the University of Nebraska, and who received her literary education at the university, has achieved the dis-tinction of holding the second place in the list of best sellers in the year of 1923. Her translation of Papini's "Life of Christ" gained second place during seven-month sales and has steadily increased and run into many editions. Harcourt Brace, the pub-lishers of Dorothy Canfield Fisher, sent her last book of short stories, 'Raw Material" as souvenirs for the Nebraska Authors' dinner last Oc ober. Mrs. Fisher and her family are now in France, where she is gathmaterial for a new book.

Hugh Lofting, the winner of the Newberry medal, has written a new story for children called "The Story of Mrs. Tubbs."

American authore that are listed as the writers of the best short stories of 1923 are Anderson, "Horses and Men;" Bercoviel, "Murdo;" Cobb, "Snake Doctor;" De Witt, "Island In-dia;" Finger, "In Lawless Land;" Glasgow, "The Shadowy Third;" "Hemingway, "Three Stories and Ten Poems;" Jessup, "Representative American Short Stories;" Steele, "The Shame Dance;" Toomer, "Cane;" Winslow, "Picture Frames."

New films derived from books which will be produced soon are "The Breaking Point" by Mary Roberts Rinehart; "Magnolia," by Booth Tark-ington; "Cytheria and Wild Oranges" by Hergesheimer.

Frederick A. Stokes has added \$100 to the \$25 offered by the General Federation of Women's Clubs for the best prose article not exceeding \$50 words on the subject, "What Two Million Women Want from the Publishers." All contestants must be members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and manuscripts of Women's Clubs and manuscripts should be sent to Mrs. L. A. Miller, 772, Chairman of Literature, G. F. W. C., 1528 North Nevada Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Popular books of the week were: "Applied Psychology and Scientific Living," by Bush; "Middle of the Road," by Gibbs; "Etnily of New Moon," by Montgomery; "Gladiola Murphy," by Sawyer; "Stella Dallas," by Prouty; "Hunchback of Notre Dame," by Hugo; "Lost Lady," by Cather; "Rover," by Conrad; "West of the Water Tower," by Croy; "Alaskan," by Swinwood; "Gaspards of Pine Croft," by Gordon; "Lummox," by Hurst; "Never the Twain Shall Meet," by Kyne; "Dancing Star," by Onlons; "Jeremy and Hamlet," by Walpole; "Able McLaughlins," by Wilson; "Up Stream," by Lewisohn; "Life of Christ," by Pa pini; "Mah Jong," by Harr.

The anniversary of Dickens' birth-day, February 7, has stimulated a demand for Dickens' books and many unusual ideas for reading club programs will be found in the reference

The National Health association has suggested the following titles for laymen who are interested in keeping fit and have designated the month of February and March as Good Health Months, as this seems to be the time of the year when the human body offers the least resistance to the microbes and germs of disease. The list includes "The Human Machine," by W. H. Howell; "The Young Child's Health," by H. L. K. Shaw; "The Child in School," by T. D. Wood; "The Quest for Health," by J. A. Tobey: "Love and Marriage," by T. W. Galloway; "Food for Health's Sake," by L. H. Gillett; "Exercises for Health," by L. L. Meanes: "Your Mind and You," by J. E. Williams: "Home Care of the Sick," by C. D. Noyes: "Adolescence," by M. A. Bigelow; "Health of the Worker," by L. K. Frankel. Women of Omaha will be delighted to know that they may now purchase their McCall Patterns at Burgess-Nash.

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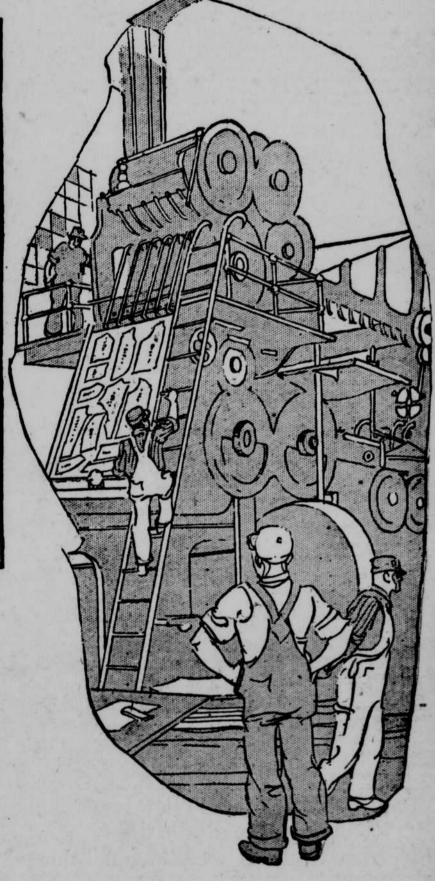
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