

OUTFIT FOR A TRIP ABROAD

Needs of the Woman Who is Going to Europe.

WHAT REALLY SHOULD BE TAKEN

Special Provision This Year for Peach Basket Hat—Little Comforts on Shipboard—Hat, Footwear and Clothes.

NEW YORK, June 17.—One of the most important problems that the European-going woman has to face this summer is that of the peach-basket hat. What to do with it and how?

You might as well try to pack a grand piano or a gramophone in a steamer trunk as a peach basket hat. Of course one answer to the puzzle is, wear it; but you know how a woman loves to wear her special love of a hat through Scotch mists and those gasping showers that make Paris and London seem bent on destroying everything of American importation.

A woman will do anything rather than that, and in consequence the shopkeepers have put on the market an interesting line of hat trunks especially adapted for the season's needs. Not only one, but half a dozen, peach hats can be accommodated in one of these trunks, and besides there are compartments for shirtwaists, stocks, stationery and the overflow of toilet accessories. This trunk has the disadvantage of height, which precludes it from the steamer, but otherwise it answers all the demands made on it. In enamel leather studded with brass nails, or in the regular trunk leather, the price for such a trunk ranges from \$5 for the smartest variety to \$10 or \$12.

With the Wardrobe Trunk.

If one excepts the wardrobe trunks and the latest novelties, which may be turned at will into standing closets with gowns unwrinkled hanging in a homelike way from patent stretchers, the newest trunks attract from the combination of lightness and stability. Some of them have half a dozen trays, easily lifted out, separating the wardrobe so that the various articles may be readily found, an important item to consider when traveling about from one place to another on an extended tour.

Into such a trunk every possible piece may be stowed that would be needed even by one who has social obligations to fill on the other side in addition to her traveling ambitions. Such a trunk, of the best leather and trimmings, may cost \$40, but it is practically indestructible.

Steamer trunks are shown in wicker, covered with enamel leather, a combination which seems to be approved by the experienced traveler, and these come at \$25 for the very best. As the steamer trunk has to fit under the berth, not much leather is allowed for novelties, but this year the things are specially trim and dainty, some of them padded and many with pastebard compartments. A good steamer trunk of ordinary make may be had for \$17 or \$18.

Advice from Experience.

A young woman who takes a party over to Europe every year gives the following advice on the subject of steamer togs: First and foremost comes a comfortable steamer rug, which one must buy, beg, borrow or steal. As an additional jock comfort a little pillow that fits snugly behind the ears is a good thing to remember to take. If you do not want to bother to take the pillow, a chin strap that will fit over a berth pillow that may be taken from the steamer answers every purpose. The steamer hat is naturally one of the most trying articles to decide about unless one is fortunate enough to be of the sort who say "Well you look like a guy any way on board a steamer, so what's the use?" Naturally that simplifies matters immensely, and if one feels that way really your husband's old camping hat or your brother's cap, even a worsted abomination or a so-called fascinator, may do. But for the woman who takes pride in looking well under the most trying circumstances a careful survey of the shops' harvest in this class of merchandise may not be amiss.

She will have to take plenty of time about it, she will have to remember that her hair will not always be coiffured as daintily as it is when she tries the hat on, and that it is absolutely necessary that she study in addition to its becomingness its adaptability to a wind and to reclining

in a steamer chair, which necessitates a brim that will not break in the back.

Auto Hats Look Good.

The automobile hats offer many good models for this purpose, and many of them made of black straw or in the black are unquestionable. The downward sloping brims covering the hair are desirable, and at a price ranging from \$5 to \$10 one may find a very swaggy hat that will do to wear on many occasions on land as well as on shipboard.

The most popular hat is the Panama, which comes in every shape and size and the price of which varies of course with the fineness of the make. A genuine one so soft and resilient that it is like a rubber band may cost \$25, while many of the steamer tables in the department stores offer a very good variety of imitation Panama which will certainly wear the season through for less than a quarter of that sum.

The automobile and steamer veils of chiffon and mousseline de sole are so beautiful this season that they cover, like charity, a multitude of headgear sins. A long one of four or five yards of shaded tulle comes for \$11 approximately. A beautiful one of this class, showing a deep red which softly blended to the palest rose, was purchased for \$14.50 by a brunette with flashing black eyes who said to her companion that she was going to economize in other directions, but have that she would—and did.

Very simple and pretty chiffon veils of different colors and long enough for practical use come at reasonable prices, \$3 and \$4, and for the woman who has to study expenditures these will prove more satisfactory than one that suggests her momentary lapse from economy every time the wind blows. But there is a difference in quality of these veils, and becomingness should be the reason for doing. Modern fashion seems to demand that a veil of some kind should be worn.

Kimonos and Other Things.

Another indispensable article that should be tucked in the steamer trunk is a kimono, which need not be of Japanese importation or make, the word at present being used to signify any loose garment with flowing sleeves that can be donned in a second. A dark silk is preferable to any other; it is not conspicuous, does not wrinkle and takes up little room in the baggage. If these are too expensive a cotton crepe is useful, and at any of the department stores you will find these at moderate prices as \$3.

There are many little articles that add materially to one's comfort and take up so little space that there is really no reason why they should be omitted from the menu of the trunk. For example, the hot water bottle is not a particularly common piece of baggage, but it will furnish most satisfaction. So many people are afflicted with neuralgia on a route that it is well to remember that the tiny face bags will help to avert pain and should be added to the equipment.

Stateroom slippers are a necessity, and here it is well to again sacrifice mere beauty to utility. The slippers should be put on quickly and yet hold so tight that it will not flap along the corridors is best of all. Oftentimes on rising in the morning seasickness may be averted for the whole day by slipping into the loose articles of attire, throwing about one the legs and getting to the deck and the fresh morning air without loss of time. Then the inconspicuous footgear into which one's toes are thrust, which has no buttons or ribbons to hinder progress, will be found to be a blessing.

Silk nightgowns are not really the luxury that one might think, and consequently their use should be confined to the woman who designs to fit every inch of available space with strictly utilitarian articles. And as long as one wears them, make them as attractive as possible, the wearing helping to avert toothaches and neuralgia and keeping the hair dry. These bits of lace and ribbon can easily be made at home or if bought nearly any price may be paid, depending on the fineness of trimming.

Just a Mere Trifle.

One charming bit of perfumed satin, hand embroidered with a real lace edge was shown in one of the linen and lace shops of Fifth avenue for \$9. A fashionable looking woman trying it on explained to her friend that she only needed that one article to complete her summer outfit. In a bride's trousseau of recent origin, the owner of which was contemplating spending her honeymoon on the ocean, a pale blue nightgown with chiffon ruffles and dainty ribbons was one of the most admired pieces on exhibition.

The long coat, which fashion decrees at present with one's tailor made is very suitable for the steamer; the short coat, although easier to walk in, is not so comfortable, taking all kinds of weather into consideration. With this, of course, the ubiquitous shirtwaist comes unless the princess dress is worn underneath the outside garment.

The number and value of the shirtwaists taken must be determined individually. It is well to have at least one warmer than the lingerie variety, a light flannel or dark silk preferably, which will save continual laundering, a problem difficult to meet sometimes when the steamer has been left and the European tour begun. With these, of course, the separate stocks and ties—as many as possible.

A good sweater is another article sometimes forgotten, but which is asserted by those who have crossed many times to be one of the most satisfying of any garment, easy to put on, warm enough, and yet not so heavy as to become unendurable. Every year the shops put out a variety a little more fashionable in model than before and this year for \$5 or \$6 a very good looking one with high collar, single breasted and tight fitting is in the lead. Those, of course, made of the finest wool and hand work are to be found for prices which seem exorbitant unless one realizes that like the steamer rugs, their life is practically eternal.

The price of the steamer rugs, incidentally, is practically stable from year to year, as the style does not vary. The ordinary rug shown, made of cotton partly, but with considerably warmth nevertheless and a showy appearance, costs less than \$1. The all wool rugs do not come lower than that, and for from \$1 to \$10 a fairly good one may be obtained. One very handsome rug of black and white with a scarlet thread was shown at \$14. This was of vicuna and was considered a bargain.

Rugs of High Degree. It is rarely that the finest rugs are shown unless specially asked for. These are of Scotch importation, with all the tartan devices, and the prices are correspondingly high, \$25 being a conservative estimate, but if one has the money to spend a good investment, and one cannot realize how much value there may be in one of these until the imported variety has been enjoyed, its softness, beauty of coloring and warmth making all others seem sadly inadequate.

Whether or not one shall include a raincoat in the equipment for a short European trip is a question. It will be useful many times undoubtedly. In lieu of the raincoat a great many travelers prefer the loose fitting coat, which protects from the showers and may be worn at times when the raincoat could not.

The raincoat problem, discussed at length with another tourist agent of the feminine persuasion who advocated its inclusion with many arguments, led to the question of overbores or rubber tips, which according to this authority are absolutely necessary if one is doing Europe from the guide book point of view, which means visiting underground curiosities in the way of catacombs, tombs, cathedral vaults and other places where the damp floors are often the cause directly or indirectly of afflictions in the way of coughs and colds.

Shoes and Soap. American women do not care for the foreign made shoes, and it is well to remember this and go prepared for every emergency. Two pairs of shoes will take a traveler through the summer trip and one of these at least should be very comfortable. A pair of slippers for dress up occasions is desirable. The steamer shoes should not have high heels.

Dinner on board some of the ocean liners is a more or less function when the weather is fine, and for this it is well to be prepared with an extra gown not of the tailor made order. Any dinner dress will do, but the lighter weight it is the easier to pack and the less space it will take.

For the Mediterranean trip the white gowns of duck, linen or other material are very nice and they are not amiss on any ship, although the preference seems to be for a crepon, figured silk or embroidered linen in some fashionable color. Blue is always a good color on shipboard. A safety pocket for money and valuables is absolutely requisite and charms pouches are to be preferred with good clasps and plenty of room. These are usually worn under the skirt and are fastened to a belt; the same styles may be found in linen or some cotton material, and are, of course, cheaper.

The careful traveler takes her own soap. The matter of underwear is again one to be decided individually, but many travelers claim to be able to get along with a complete set; these are of course easily added to, but a wool or partly wool combination suit is strongly advised.

Matter of Expense. Point blank the question is put by many travelers still in their preliminary arrangements as to what the outfit for the summer tour which will take from two to three months is going to cost, and the question is, of course, impossible to answer, depending as it does, on the simplicity or luxury studied by the individual. With the expenditure of \$100 in addition to what one may possess one may buy all the necessary accessories of which the wardrobe is deficient. Even less than that may be found to be sufficient. One woman interviewed said that she made a presentable appearance and showed an itemized account amounting in all to \$25, but she started with a fairly large equipment and counted on presents to fill the gaps.

The question of excess baggage cannot be too strongly emphasized. One has to pay and pay heavily for every piece outside of handbags, and the joke that every Italian laborer in his native country wears an American trunk strap to keep up his trousers is fast losing its point, for the American traveler becomes more wary every year, eliminates the superfluous and in learning tricks from the travelers of experience.

The travelers checks furnished for a small commission by nearly all the steamship lines are, of course, the simplest method of taking money. They are insured as far as possible against loss and are available in even out of the way places. It is said by the several agents that the face value will be refunded on any returned after the European trip, but so far as could be learned it is seldom that the companies are called upon for this special sort of courtesy.

Saving on Costumes. "I have here an opera," announced the robust composer, "which will be the greatest production of the century. It is called 'Paradise.'" "Paradise?" roared the impresario; "mas, do you realize what it would cost for scenery?" "Yes," answered the composer calmly, "but do you realize what would be saved on costumes?"—Town Topics.

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Many new things are designed every year to promote the comfort of travelers. The automobile is answerable for some of the latest, but not for all, and persons who can't and don't travel in motor cars have been equally considered in this year's novelties.

Fitted up tea and luncheon baskets, for example, are not new, but until lately most of these were high priced, imposing affairs not easily portable by hand. This season's designs, on the contrary, ranging in price all the way from less than \$1 to \$10 and more, give prominence to two features—saving of space and ways and means of carrying them as easily as a hand stiched.

Strictly speaking, the less than \$2 kind is called a lunch set and consists of a folding knife, fork and spoon and a tumbler fitted into a leather case about five inches long, less than four inches wide and two inches thick, which can easily be tucked away in one's pocket or in a wristbag.

New Tea Basket. There is a real tea basket, though, which folds like a suit case and has handles, and is equipped with crockery, knives, forks, spoons, lamps, kettles and so on, which costs \$5 and is about nine by eight inches in diameter. Another variety costs less than \$10 and includes, besides the things mentioned, a couple of covered dishes and a straw-covered bottle in the latter, which is a small edition of the newest designs in the highest priced varieties, the architect suggests a two-story front wall is let down to form a projecting shelf. This, like most of the newer styles, has upright handles, and is square or oblong rather than flat.

In a brown wicker case, to give an example, is packed, without a quarter inch of waste space, a luncheon outfit for eight persons, which includes an alcohol burner and several covered metal dishes. This case is about twenty-six inches long, nine inches wide, eighteen inches tall. A beautiful brown and yellow basket, twenty by twelve inches in diameter and about fourteen inches high, containing a lunch outfit for six persons, which cut out cups and saucers in favor of straw covered tumblers and two bottles for keeping liquids hot or cold.

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