

Fashions of the Day.

The Russian Blouse Carries all Before it
Two Shades of Color and Their Com-
bination With Older Tints—Throat
Must be Long or Appear so—
Evening Gowns of Trans-
parent Material Over
Solid Colors.

It is a reproach cast at American wo-
men that they accept and adopt the
fashions set for them, unquestioning and
uncomplaining. We take our fashions,
say disparagers, as children take the nur-
sery diseases, and they run through our
ranks, sparing neither age nor sex.

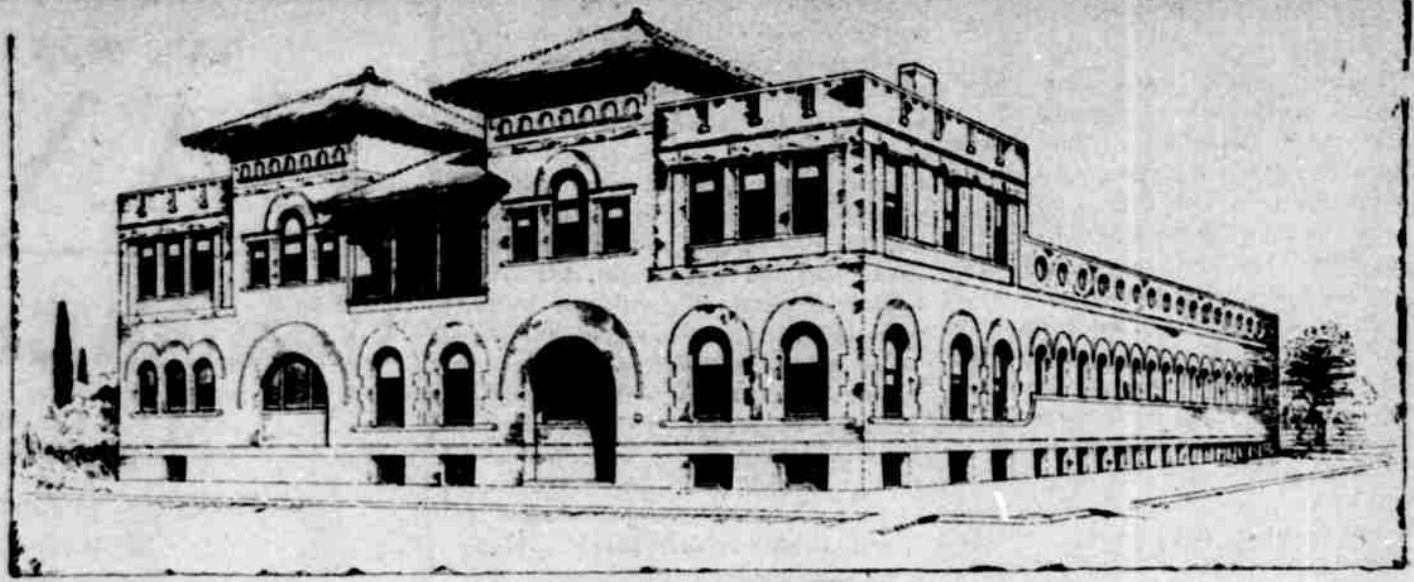
I am led to these cogitations by the
ups and downs of the now all-prevalent
Russian blouse. Some years ago, this
form of garment, just as attractive in
every way, then as now, was introduced
but it did not take at all. I suppose the
seed did not fall upon good ground—at
any rate it failed to germinate. This
season, however, it has taken the town
by storm. What the bolero was last
year, the Russian blouse is to-day. It
appears on gowns for both demi and full
dress.

There are some new developmen's in
the shadings of color and some of the
old friends are retained. In reds I note
as favorites Roman gladiolus, corral,
pivoine and cerisette. A novelty and a
very taking one is a pink called "ber-
ceus." It only comes in the very
hues of high priced materials—
brocades and satins.

In the purples, the color of kings,
there is a new shade—dedicated, in name
at least, to the dignitaries of the Church
—called "prelat." It is especially ad-
apted to "bishops' robes" and comes in
superb velvets and corded silks.

The up-to-date greens are Jourdain
Russe and tourtoi. The reds, however,
in the shades mentioned, will be the
greater favorites.

Here again let me repeat what I have



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said in previous letters, that street
skirts must just clear the ground—ad-
vice from Paris to the contrary notwith-
standing—while evening gowns are to be
almost universally demi train.

Vicuna cloth is a revival of an old
material. Satin-finished cashmeres not
unlike Henrietta cloth will be much
used, and while these satin and soft fin-
ishes are to be favored stuffs, yet there
are many many mixed stuffs, basket-
checks and a large variety of such goods
that will not be entirely neglected.

Many of the exclusive molistes are
making their bodices round or printed
and on these costumes the showy and
often beautiful buttons are important
features. Rich braiding is being exten-
sively used and wide military braid is
very smart, but to my taste the choice
is fine black braid, and the more elabor-
ate the pattern the more effective the

gown—also the more costly.

The jersey is no longer an outcast gar-
ment and many of the new shown are real-
ly handsome. Some of them are braided
in gold and beads. They are to be worn
under coats. I personally dislike the
garment, but there are times when it is
not to be sneered at.

The dressing of the neck is perhaps
one of the most distinctive features of
the season. The pretty neckgear is
most bewitching, and the mousseline de
soie scarfs, both in black and white,
form a most attractive addition to the
waistcoat. The long-necked woman,
whether she be likened to the graceful
swan by her admirers or to the awkward
crane by her detractors, is for the moment
an object of envy to her short-throated
sisters. The poor dressmakers have had
their sleep broken in the vain struggle
to give to the latter the "top-lofty" fash-
ionable appearance of carrying their
heads high in the air. The ribbon stock
holds its ground staunchly, but the latest
stuffs for neckwear are mohair and silk
"suede."

Whatever my sisters may decide upon
for their winter toilets, my earnest ad-
vice to them is to put all their heart and
soul and throw all their weight upon
their collars for the collar is to be the
salient point of the season's style. A
clever and chic little woman, not over-
blessed with the goods of this world,
and who, therefore, is obliged to eke out
her dollars with her taste, said to me
that she formed her conclusions as to
the success or failure of her toilets by
the expression of the women she passed
in street or ball room. If she receives a
kindly glance of admiration-dashed with
envy her heart thumped with happy lit-
tle bounds of joy, whereas if she look
merely betrayed a cold, critical interest
she felt that something in her make up
was lacking, and upon her return home
cast about until she had found and rem-
edied the error. For the present season
the height and effectiveness of the collar
will, more than any other point, decide
the fate of the costume.

Influenced by a number of causes the
winter gayeties are this year likely to be
late, but the outlook is becoming every
day more encouraging. Evening gowns
are to be, if possible, more gorgeous than
ever, more brilliant in combinations and
contrasts. The favored materials are
transparent—gauze, net, tulle or chiffon
—made over some lovely tinted material,
with laces and filmy gauzes interwoven
with gold thread.

It is possible, too, just now to practice
economy without sacrificing effect, for
old silks and satins can be utilized for
the foundations. Any woman who as-
pires to be prudent will make no mistake
if she invests her capital in soft, gauzy
materials, trimming them with rows and
rows of velvet ribbons to match around

the skirt from waist to hem, [and treats
the body in the same way. Evening
waists are trimmed with bows of a de-
cided color, and the latest whim of fash-
ion decrees three shades in one color.

A lovely waist in which was exhibited
the above wrinkle was of white over
pink silk with rosettes of three shades of
velvet, the darkest a rich red. Three
shades of blue velvet are exquisite, in-
cluding the corn-flower tint, while the
most novel combination is violet with
pink, or even with blue. Great care
must, however, be exercised in selecting
the proper shades. The deep violet,
which is almost purple, is the smartest
and properest to be worn with blue, but
violets in all shades are to be favorite
colors for evening wear.

Black net gowns will be very popular
and when made up over white or pearl-
gray are especially chic.

I do not recall a time when negligee
sacques have been shown so fascinating
or in such variety. These charming ac-
cessories of the wardrobe are made up in
the daintiest of French flannels, light
cashmeres or silks and satins. I saw
some exquisite specimens of white crape,
lined with a pale color and trimmed with
billows of lace and ribbons, velvets and
gimp. They were part of a *trousseau*,
and dainty enough for dinner waists.
There is a dressing sacque called the
"Geisha," to my taste very unbecoming
and not likely to be popular.

The revival of the *chatelaine* is to be
noted. There are some charming speci-
mens of oxidized silver and others of
gold, while many are studded with jew-
els, carrying the cost of the baubles be-
yond the means of most prudent women.
From these complicated affairs are worn
suspended all sorts and varieties of
knick-knacks, ranging from a pencil to a
charity box. —Town Topics.

Customer (in grocery store)—How
much is your butter a pound?

Grocer—Do you mean sweet butter,
print butter, dairy, cream butter, best
butter, fine butter, or butter?

Debutante—Unhappy marriages are
responsible for nearly all the divorces.

Veteran—Yes, but divorces are re-
sponsible for many unhappy marriages.

Ah, here you are at last; I have been
scouring Chicago for you.

Well, it needed it.

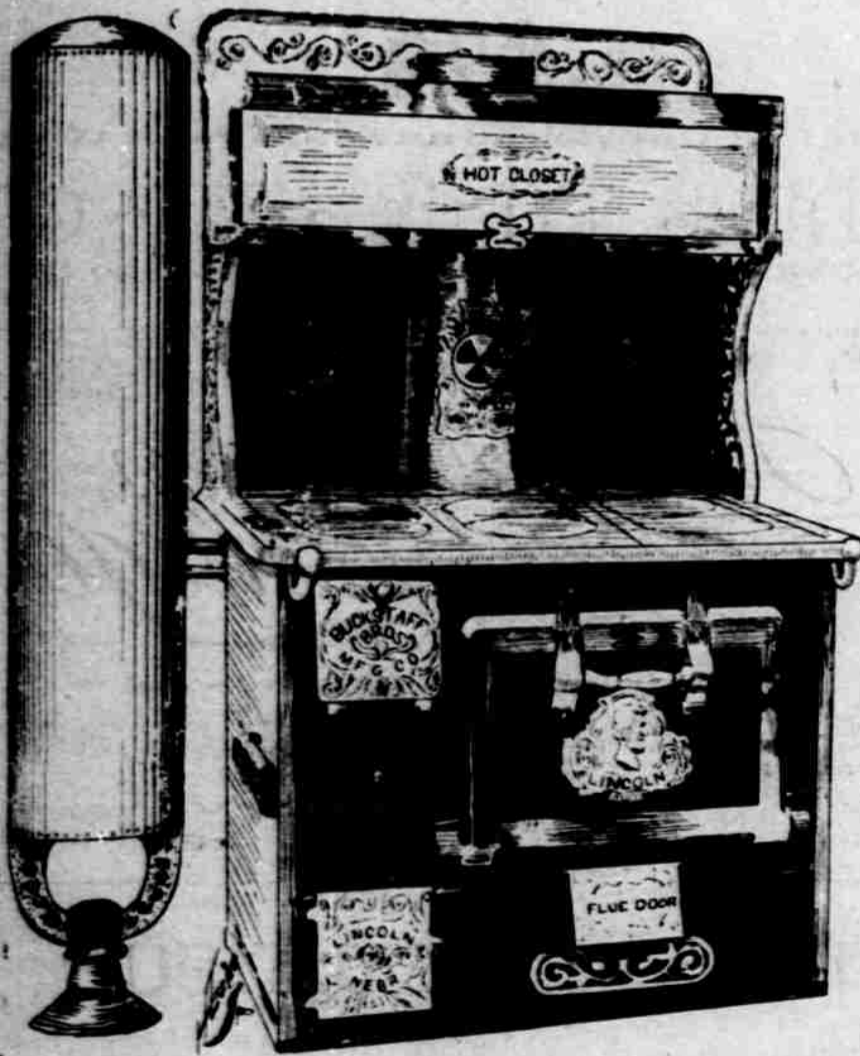
Satan—Allow me to congratulate you.

Suicide—On what?

Satan—On what you missed.

Penny—Have you proposed to Miss
Dashaway yet?

Schemerly—No, I am waiting for her
to lay in her winter wardrobe.



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