

er they are, and the more valuable their setting, the more anxious the modistes are to find them. One collector of antiques brought over from Paris 700 specimen buttons about a month ago and he has not one left. The most expensive button in the lot was \$7. But one quickly learns not to think twice of \$7 when one is shopping with a western heiress.

They are going to wear gowns of two shades of cloth a good deal, so I hear. It is rather a pretty idea. Accordeon plaited blouses of liberty satin or soft satin foulards are another new and likely to be popular mode. The newest coat for practical wear is in cloth, with a full, loose straight back and loose and double breasted in the front; the sleeves apparently are plain, small coat sleeves. This coat is cut in the most extraordinary fashion. It has no yoke—yet the sleeves and it are all in one piece! That is, the shoulder seam gently expands into a sleeve without the aid of an arm-hole. It is really most extraordinary! It is quite long, this wonderful garment, and is finished about the bottom in deep waves outlined with wide bands of stitched cloth.

Stitched cloth is to be much worn on everything, and it can be made the smartest thing imaginable. "Miss Lochinvar" has her coat in red cloth buttoned with huge white pearl buttons. Another good frock my buying friend has ordered is in the new soft black taffeta, embroidered in fine cut beads and chenille in an indescribable design that is very good. There is very little chenille, just enough to accentuate the design, and cut jet beads are in profusion. The design is heavy about the bottom of the tunic and underskirt and then spreads out and trails all over the gown.

"Miss Lochinvar" has an endless number of black evening frocks, for I have convinced her that black is the smartest thing a woman can wear at the average evening function, especially when she has a Lochinvar jewel case to scatter over it.

Black-and-steel dinner gowns are very good style, too, and there are some stunning stuffs that have just arrived in black-and-steel. We are to see them today at one of the constructors of "our" trousseau.

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