

Very often, when the gathering is such that a very handsome evening-dress is required, and yet not a full dress, a stylish cloth gown is just the go. Gray is always found a good color for one of these half-way gowns.

#### SOME FALL DRESS MATERIALS.

Fine cloth, with close upstanding cords of a contrasting color, is much seen in the shop windows.

I have mentioned quite often the pretty crépons that have been in vogue for so long. And this fall they are to be so very handsome that I am sure they will be highly appreciated by every one.

There are some beautiful woolen crépons with tiny silken stripes so raised that they look like tucks or ribs standing out in the background. Among the handsomest, though, are the new silk crépons, without either stripe or design, and which costs about one dollar and twenty-five cents a yard. The silk crépons with a narrow moiré stripe woven in the tissue are used for evening dresses and elegant tea-gowns.

Plain woolen materials may be prettily lighted up with striped trimmings and colored bands around the bottom of the skirt.

Spotted diagonals, made in tailor style, are worn on jaunting and walking expeditions, and for travelling.

The Czarina of Russia uses pure white for mourningcap, dress, wrap, trimmings, etc., all in dull white and white crêpe.

The white mourning craze has not quite reached us over here.

For evening mourning costume, nothing is more appropriate and elegant than black crêpon studded with jet beads. For street wear, black crêpe cloth or Henrietta is very stylish and serviceable.

Of course, we know that the heavy Bedford cords will be worn much the coming season.

Nothing can be prettier for the miss than the natty novelty goods that are now being shown for fall wear.

Dresses will mostly be made with a combination of goods next season.

Black surah still seems to be a favorite material, and will be used extensively for next season's dresses.

Some handsome tailor-made walking dresses will be made of light mixed homespun.

Plain brown surah will be mixed with pale blue brocade. These two colors make a very handsome combination.

For the little girl at school, a red cashmere, with rows of black velvet ribbon, is both bright and dressy. The school-miss likes for fall wear something darker. They will still adhere to the pretty blues and browns, which are slightly trimmed with black silk braid.

Velvet ribbon will be used extensively as a charming auxiliary to many fall and winter gowns.

#### THE NEXT QUESTION IS :

Having the goods, how shall I make my dress.

Did you like the Grecian costumes they wore a few years ago? If so, you will have a chance to have one made up.

A very pretty way is to have the petticoat mounted flat, with a handsome Greek pattern ornamenting the lower edge; pretty soft draperies falling in folds from the waist. A round bodice with Greek band at the corsage and belt; full yoke; high standing collar; full sleeves gathered in with a Greek band at the wrist.

Well, a very chic waist is one of figured changeable silk made with a full bodice, with a pointed belt. It has a lace collar and necklet, and lace cuffs, which finish off pretty bishop sleeves.

And then, the tailor-made suits will be very popular this month. A natty one is of cheviot. The skirt is mounted flat, with rows of braid at the lower edge. A long coat, double-breasted, and with added basque finished with braid and rows of stitching, is very unique. With this a smooth fitting coat sleeve bound around with braid and trimmed with buttons.

The Eton jacket is much admired, and will be worn very much by the young girls next season.

A pretty frock for a child is of India silk, with a plaited skirt and a flounce of lace laid on flat. It has a round bodice open in front over a plain underwaist; full lace from the vest, which is of plain goods, falling over the shoulders; full sleeve and deep lace cuff.

#### SOME ODDS AND ENDS.

Black lace scarfs are worn, tied with long ends at the back.

The latest of the new colors is corn-flower blue, which is a rich vivid tint a little paler than sapphire blue but much deeper in tone than azure.

Paniers and draped skirts are being revived.

Dresses which are made with coats or jackets have them cut either very long or very short—otherwise known as the long coat or the Eton jacket.

White felt sailors, with high crowns, will be much favored this fall.

Outing suits for fall wear will consist chiefly of a round skirt and a blazer, to be worn over a white silk or a thin white flannel blouse.

The late blazers will be made with deep rolling collars.

A great many ribbon bows will be worn on dresses this year.

The broad ribbon sash is being revived once more.

White felt Alpine hats will also be greatly favored.

Stripes will be very popular this fall.

A pretty little bit of jewelry is the lover's broach. It is in the shape of a gold wish-bone, about an inch and a half long. In the centre is a wreath of forget-me-nots, and inside of this wreath is a little gold heart.

Jet will be worn quite extensively on dresses and hats.

Wish-bone and bow-knot hat-pins are the latest.

Sapphires and emeralds, encircled by pearls or diamonds, are the leading styles of rings.

To be very *chic*, a girl must have a pretty, thin gold chain to wear about her neck. On it is generally suspended a tiny gold locket, in which is inclosed her "best young man's" picture; that is, if she is among those who have a particularly attentive admirer. Sometimes her monogram is on the outside, and sometimes it is entirely plain, with the exception probably of a brilliant stone or diamond.

Every girl must keep a good supply of ribbons and laces on hand for her neck and sleeves, besides jabots and little rosettes.

Great big, thick chain bracelets will not be worn as much as ever—the tiny thin ones are all the go.

For those of unlimited means, nothing is handsomer than the plain band bracelet with sixteen stones extending all across the top, and those of similar design, composed of alternate diamonds and sapphires, diamonds and rubies, and diamonds and emeralds.

Hat and coat markers of sterling silver, consisting of a straight band and a chased border, and bearing the name of the owner, are becoming quite a fad with the gentlemen as well as the ladies.

Girls, when you go away for your fall outing, be sure and wear gloves all the time, for if you don't you will get your hands severely tanned, freckled, and roughened. For this wear, gauntlets are considered the nattiest. And they are so cheap, too. You can actually get them from twenty-four cents up to two dollars.

You smile at the first-named figure, but you really don't know how pretty and jaunty they look at that price, in the dark shades. Of course, the lighter ones show off the quality more, and consequently must be a trifle better. You can get the all-silk double-finger-tipped ones at ninety-eight cents, which are extremely catching, and the fine dressed kid ones at two dollars.

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