

Plain and Practical Designs on New Lines

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The merchants have now had their spring openings, and we may feel safe in saying that the spring and summer fashions have been formally launched. While as in the usual case, there are some very extreme styles, there are also many more conservative models. We believe the pleated and shorter skirt is going to prove much favored, although the long and moderately narrow skirt was one of the "best sellers" of the season. The hats of the spring season as far as size is concerned, both large and small being shown, the latter of course being for more dressy occasions. The trimmings are flowers and ribbons, the small flowers showing more prominence than the larger ones.

1251-Lady's "Overall" Apron: It will not be a great while until house-cleaning time will be upon us, and we will do well to have our work aprons and house dresses all ready for business. The style shown herewith might be used as a dress, although it is dubbed an "overall" apron. The buttons and buttonholes on the left front makes the trimming of this apron very simple. Six sizes, 34 to 44 inches bust measure.

1258-Lady's Blouse: When selecting style for new shirt waists to wear with the separate skirt this spring, design 1258 should appeal to one. While very plain, it is also very smart, the trimming consisting of the fancy touches on collar and small button down the front. Buttons will be much worn again this season. Six sizes, 34 to 44 inches bust measure.

1234-Lady's Two-Piece Circular Skirt: Here is a design of the popular circular skirt. It is a two-piece pattern and is the more preferable than those cut in one piece, as they are not so liable to wrinkle. We have been told that it is a plan to hang a circular skirt in a closet for a week or two before turning up the skirt from sagging. This skirt measures about 1 yard at the bottom and is cut in sizes from 32 to 38 inches waist measure.

1256-Girl's Overblouse Dress: This new and graceful model is made with a fairly snug waist and an overblouse effect. The belt and collar also make an attractive finish. The sleeves may be made either long or elbow length. This dress would be pretty if designed from serge, cashmere or even some wash material. Four sizes: 8, 10, 12 and 14 years.

1243-Lady's Coat Suit: The Blum coat is being shown quite extensively this spring, many having little vents set in as in the illustration herewith. This style has the decidedly loose, flowing effect. The skirt is quite full, fairly short with a pleat on each side of the front and back gone. This style calls for two patterns, one for each, and requires about 7 1/2 yards of material for a medium size. The coat is cut in sizes from 34 to 44 inches bust measure and the skirt in sizes from 22 to 32 inches waist measure.

1254-Lady's and Misses Overdress: The semi-fitted blouse effect is being shown quite freely and the style here illustrated is a good model. If preferred a crushed girdle might be added with the ends hanging down either in the back or front. As noted in this style, sleeves for present wearing are long and collars high in back with a "V" shaped opening at the throat. Seven sizes: 34, 36 and 38 years for misses, and 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches bust measure for ladies.

1243-Girl's Overblouse Dress: A jaunty style for the growing girl and summer wear, and would be very pretty made from brown serge with black or tan band for trimming. This dress has a decidedly new overblouse effect and the skirt is nicely side pleated. Cut in four sizes: 8, 10, 12 and 14 years.

We are receiving a goodly number of orders for our new spring and summer catalogue, and our readers will do well to send an extra 10c for it when ordering their patterns. We are not distributing the Home Dress Book this spring, as our larger catalogue is much more comprehensive, containing over 400 designs.

Do it the Easy Way

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plants. The shrubbery may cost more the first year, but thereafter there is no expense and we note that neighbor No. 1 requires at least 10 times as much labor to care for his lawn and flowers as it takes neighbor No. 2 to care for his lawn and shrubbery.

We like flowers as well as shrubbery, however, and we will have a few scattered here and there throughout our shrubbery borders, also little touches of color but not too obtrusive. This method of beautifying the home is the easy way and, we believe, the best way.

The Spring Sewing

"Aunt Fanny," Peterboro Co., Ont. What beautifully mild, spring-like days we have had recently! I venture to say many of us have realized for the first time that spring is fast approaching, and I were led to think somewhat seriously of the spring sewing. And lucky is the woman who plans to have all her sewing completed before the busy rush of gardening, house cleaning and other spring duties sets in.

To many home dressmakers this spring sewing may be a sort of "bugbear," in that the same garments are made from year to year from the same old patterns and with the same kinds of material. How many begin this task by getting out the box of old patterns that have been used for years, from which to cut the undergarments and other plain clothes? And how about materials? Some conscientious women always make their aprons and work dresses from checked gingham, dark blue print, or other heavy cotton material.

I am always on the watch for new ideas in patterns, even for the simple garments. A new pattern does not represent much outlay, or often only a cent. One can exchange patterns with a neighbor. By having a new style to follow, the sewing will be a much more pleasant task than if one uses an old pattern so worn that one can hardly cut a garment from it. Pattern manufacturers are showing more and more one-piece garments, for the little ones especially, and why should we not have the very simplest and most convenient styles to follow and reduce work to a minimum.

Then let us get away from the old standbys of checked gingham and dark prints. It is monotonous to wear the same old things from year to year when so many new materials are now being used. The great popularity of the bureau materials is a boon to the busy woman, but it is one that the woman on the farm has been slower to accept than her city sisters. Crepe garments wash easily, dry quickly, do not require ironing and are very attractive in appearance. And there is no reason why we who live in the country should not be as neatly dressed as our city sisters. By being so dressed attractively and up-to-date we have more respect for ourselves, and command greater respect from others. Why not, when planning the spring sewing this year, aim to introduce some new styles and materials and see if the results are not favorable.

When washing granite, porcelain or aluminum ware, it should never be scraped. While it may not chip the first time, it is bound to be injured before long. A better way is to soak in a weak solution of soda and water. In fact soda is good for cleaning all greasy dishes.

Sometimes when we are in a hurry to fill the salt or pepper shaker, we cannot find the little funnel which we wish to fill them. A good substitute is to cut off the corner of an envelope, then cut off the tip of the corner and proceed to fill the shaker.

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