

EASTER IS NOW NEAR AT HAND

Everybody wants something new for Easter, the season that always marks the discarding of the winter apparel and the adoption of the Spring Apparel. As the time intervening between now and Easter is growing short, any wearables that you intend to have should be selected now. At the last minute you may not be able to procure just the things that you want, but now you have ample time to select and the best possible assortment to choose from.

Dresses for Evening Wear Will Be Wanted Soon

After the Lenten season comes the revival of social festivities of all kinds. New dresses for evening wear will be greatly in demand. In addition to the evening dresses of the regular sort—of which we have a splendid selection—we have lately opened a fine assortment of handsome Princess and Empire dresses, that are decidedly dressy and useful.

These dresses are the one-piece sort, and are made of nets and silks. There can be no question about the vogue of the net dress, and as the warm weather approaches the popularity of the silk garment will increase. These dresses are dainty, dressy, smart creations, and are sure to please you. These are a few of the styles:

PRINCESS DRESS—Made of white Brussels net. Waist part made with rows of tucks going across front, and rows of pretty Persian trimming and fine insertion. Panel of fine tucks four inches wide, edged with Persian trimming, goes down front to bottom of skirt. Long sleeves, with rows of tucks and insertion going round. Skirt part has three deep tucks around bottom, and fine tucks over hips. Waist lined with silk and silk drop skirt. Price **\$19.75**

PRINCESS DRESS—Made of taupe, brown and black taffeta silk. Waist part trimmed with straps of self and tucks and covered buttons. Long, tight sleeves. Skirt part plain with panel down front, trimmed with silk covered buttons. Price **\$21.00**



HANDSOME DRESS—Made Princess and Empire style, of good black taffeta. The waist part has a yoke of black silk lace, wide tucks over shoulder and down back. Long sleeves trimmed with covered buttons and silk braid, row of covered buttons goes from the bottom of yoke down the front of skirt, which is made of the new polonaise effect. Price is **\$30.00**

PRETTY DRESS—Made Princess and Empire style, of ecru embroidered lace. Waist part trimmed with rows of Oriental and Val. lace. Long sleeves with vertical rows of insertion. Skirt part has wide front panel of tucks and insertions and rows of insertion going round. Waist lined with silk, and silk drop skirt. Price **\$40.00**

Your Easter Suit is Here for You

During the last few days we have opened many new costumes, supplementary styles that reflect fashion's very latest dictates. We are now in a position to show you a handsome collection of the very finest costume novelties. We wish to impress upon you the fact that our costumes are exclusive. We buy only from the very best tailors, and only on the condition that the styles are confined to us.

Our costumes have that smartness and finish that appeals to the woman that wants a perfect garment. Our prices are the very lowest consistent with quality.

COSTUME, made of handsome fancy worsted, in a pretty shade of grey, with colored stripe. The coat is 36 inches long, semi-fitted back, roll collar. The sleeves and the rest of the coat are finished with covered buttons, lined throughout with silk. Skirt plain Directoire style with row of buttons from waist to bottom of skirt. Price **\$45.00**

COSTUME, made of serge in beautiful shades of reseda, mauve, rose, also cream. Coat is forty inches long, full Directoire cut, having the long lines now so popular, collar and cuffs of silk, edged with fancy braid, lined throughout with silk faced with fancy trimming. Skirt is pleated style, having a cluster of three pleats at each seam. Price **\$90.00**

COSTUME, made of reseda green, self striped panama. Coat has semi-fitted back open in the centre with rows of buttons, patch pockets trimmed with buttons, roll collar and cuffs inlaid with black satin, lined throughout with silk. Plain skirt with cluster of pleats and buttons on front. Price **\$37.50**



COSTUME, made of self striped panama in peacock. Coat is cut graduating in length from 30 inches long in front to 40 inches in the back, the back being finished with buttons, shawl collar inlaid with black satin, lined throughout with silk. Skirt cut plain with centre panel trimmed with buttons and braid. Price **\$47.50**

COSTUME, made of pretty fawn and cream striped worsted. Coat is 40 inches long, with semi-fitted back finished with four rows of covered buttons, roll collar and cuffs, inlaid with bronze green satin, lined throughout with silk. Skirt is plain gored style. Price **\$45.00**

Costumes at \$19.75

At this price we have about twenty-five suits, made up of very pretty materials, in all the new colorings. In style these garments are absolutely correct, and they are well made. These costumes are ordinarily worth \$30.00 and \$35.00, but they were bought at a special price, enabling us to offer these suits at the special price of **\$19.75**

Novelty Silk Scarves and Squares

The most novel things for neck are the new Silk Scarves and Squares. They are very smart and entirely different from anything that has been used for years. The squares are also splendidly suited for evening wear, making an admirable head-covering.

WHITE SILK SQUARES—These are made of a beautiful quality of crepe de chine, richly embroidered in pale shades and finished with deep silk fringe. They are wonderfully rich and handsome. Each, \$15.00, \$20.00 and **\$25.00**

NEW SCARVES—In Paisley Pine pattern, with self cold edges. Could be used for hat drapes, 2 yards long. Price **\$1.50**

SILK SCARVES—Of crepe de chine, chiffon, ninon de soie and fancy jacquard. \$2.00 and **\$2.50**

SILK SASHES—In rose, new blue and mauve, with chenille and gold tassels, \$10.50 and **\$13.50**

The Original and most convenient Bed Lounges on the Market

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BED LOUNGES—In jute tapestry, with spring seat, spring back and spring scroll. Spencer's Price **\$12.50**

BED LOUNGES—In armure. Spencer's Price **\$14.50**

BED LOUNGES—In armure. Spencer's Price **\$15.00**

BED LOUNGES—In German tapestry. Spencer's Price **\$14.50**

EXTRA HEAVY BED LOUNGES—In English tapestry, extra large size with double springs and 54 inch drawer. Spencer's Price **\$19.00**

A Great Range of New Pump Shoes

This popular shoe has been vastly improved by a neat strap design, which positively does away with the old trouble of slipping at the heel, adds to the appearance, and the fit is perfect. We have a great range of these new pumps, made on new forms, of new leathers and in new colors.

These are a few of the best:

TAN RUSSIAN CALF ANKLE STRAP PUMP SHOES—Light, flexible soles, Cuban heels, tan leather bows **\$3.00**

A similar line to above, in Black Patent Colt, with ribbon tie effect **\$3.50**

BROWN SWEDE CALF PUMP—Goodyear welt soles, Queen Quality. Price **\$5.00**

OYSTER GREY SWEDE CALF PUMP—Hand turned soles, grey Cuban heels **\$5.50**

BLACK PATENT COLT—With white kid strap and trimming, Cuban heels, turn soles **\$5.50**

New Designs in Brussels Carpet

The finest and best range of designs and colorings we have ever shown. The quality speaks for itself. We have just opened up this large assortment and can therefore assure you the designs and colorings are the very newest. We are not going to attempt to describe the many different designs, but we are making Monday a special day in the Brussels Section of our Carpet Department, so would ask you to visit the Carpet Department on Monday, or at your earliest opportunity, and let our salesmen show you these new carpets.

The Best Time to Select Your

EASTER HAT

Is Now



Don't wait until the last minute when the milliners will be rushed, select your hat now, the assortment is broad enough to please you no matter how hard you are to suit, and this season's styles are so varied that you will have no trouble getting a hat that is correct and at the same time becoming.

Our millinery showroom is a vertible garden these days; flowers, the season's strongest favorite for trimmings, are there in profusion and combined with the pretty colorings of the hats make the showroom particularly inviting. When you come you will find hats to suit all purses, and all tastes, our assortment was never so complete as now. You will find that a visit to our showrooms will be pleasant and profitable.

Fancy Parasols Will Be Popular This Year

Indications point to this season being the greatest season for parasols that there has been for some time. Fancy parasols of all kinds will be greatly used, and parasols to match the suits worn are absolutely correct.

For present use silk parasol the shade of the suit worn will be used, for later wear white ones for white suits, pongee shades for suits of the same color, and all sorts of fancy effects to use with summer dresses. A few suggestions—

FANCY PARASOLS—A beautiful assortment of sunshades, made of silk applique and chiffon, all dainty, desirable shades, and finished with frills. Priced at \$6.75 and **\$9.75**

FANCY PRINTED BATISTE PARASOLS—With spot, stripe and ring designs **\$7.50**

LAWN PARASOLS—In sky, pink, Nile, pongee cream and white, cane handles **\$1.00**

LAWN PARASOLS—With fancy striped borders, in pink, mauve, sky and pongee **\$1.50**

SELF-COLORED PARASOLS—With silk mixture cover, in shades of Alice, tan, brown, electric, royal green, sky, emerald and navy blue, with natural wood handles **\$1.50**

SILK PARASOLS—With pretty stripe and check effect and satin border **\$2.00**

SILK PARASOLS—In pongee, with floral design border, and tan and navy, with fancy striped borders **\$2.50**

SILK PARASOLS—In newest stripe and fancy borders, with patent frame—in all colors—\$2.75, \$3.00 **\$3.50**

WHITE LAWN PARASOLS—With lace and Swiss insertion and double row tucks, non-rusting frame, natural wood handles **\$1.75**

WHITE SILK PARASOLS—In Jap taffeta and Glace silk, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$3.75 and **\$4.50**

PONGEE PARASOLS—In lawn and silk, with pretty mounted natural handles, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and **\$3.75**

Children's Parasols

CHILDREN'S PARASOLS—In printed batiste covers, 25c, 50c, 75c and **\$1.00**

CHILDREN'S PARASOLS—In self colors of mercerized satens, in all shades, 50c, 75c and **\$1.00**

CHILDREN'S AND MISSES' SILK PARASOLS—Some with frilled edges. \$1.50, \$2.00 **\$2.25**

Black Parasols

BLACK SILK PARASOLS—With silk braid applique and silk embroidery **\$3.50**

BLACK SILK PARASOLS—With satin stripe and checks **\$2.00**

BLACK MOIRE ANTIQUE PARASOLS—Beautiful quality silk, with crook handles. \$3.50, \$4.50, **\$5.75**

Correct Corsets are Most Necessary

To mould your figure to correct lines you must have the proper corset. An expert fitter is also here.

No. 460—One of the very newest patterns for average figures. It is equal in style and fit to many higher priced models and is unquestionably one of the season's best values. High bust, very long front front hip and back, with pliable skirt, comfortably creates the modish lines. Price **\$1.75**

No. 517—This is an up-to-the-minute style, modeled expressly to fit average figures. This corset has high bust, very long front, flat hips and long back, and accentuates the pliable skirt effect below the boning. One of our very best values. Price **\$2.50**

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London, April 1.—Despatch parts of the Empire detailing the increase of the efficiency of the colonies, although there appears as to the method which, in the producing the result aimed at. At first despatches received of Dreadnoughts to the effective method of dealing with Germany's ambitious governments both of the Dominion opinion that they can best be houses in order by providing and commerce.

New Zealand has made a has been welcomed with gratification but the Chronicle (the leading spatch from Melbourne, which a Dreadnought by the Australian Federal premier, Mr. Fisher, offer on behalf of the Federate governments are themselves of the States of Victoria and New such a contribution, while the correspondent of the Standard event of the other states not in Wales and Victoria will give as foreshadowed in earlier despatches. The Chronicle today prints the remainder of his life in the arise, to impress upon his fellow the unassailable position of the seem of the opinion that Canadian campaign along these lines. The Standard editorially the creation of a Canadian navy Britain and the Empire than powers.

BRITISH COLONIES

Premier McBride believes give any assistance possible. The action should be taken by the individual provinces, he believes. In response to a query from the following telegram upon

Toronto Star, Toronto, Ont. As states occupy more in Commonwealth than given Dominion as a whole should be to the Mother Country in ish Columbia will cordially and end by Ottawa.

TEXT OF THE GERMAN NAVAL PROGRAM

Berlin, April 1.—The German program provides that between 1911 and 1917 fifteen battleships shall be built, additional to those now on list—three in each of the years 1910, 1911, and 1912, and one in each of six subsequent years; also nine battleships (one each year), eight smaller cruisers, and eighteen divisions of destroyers.

The object in view is to complete the intended establishment of this eight battleships, twenty battleships, thirty-eight small cruisers and 144 destroyers. Of the battleships, the Schleswig-Holstein and Schlesien, which are Dreadnoughts, were completed respectively on September 21 and 12. The Nassau and Westfalen, Dreadnoughts, were laid down in the spring of 1907, and were launched severally at the Imperial yard, Wilhelmshaven, and the Weser yard, Bremen, in March and July 1908. There was a mishap with the first of the but she is being pushed on energetically, and is expected to be completed by the intended date, which is the close of the present year. Rheinland and Posen were begun the summer of 1907, were launched September and December 1908 at the Vulkan yard, Stettin, and the Germania yard, Kiel, both of which establishments, in a return made by German shipbuilders to Count Sevastopoul, declared their ability to build ships