

Very Latest Fancies of Fashion

Purple and Cerise in Model Poiret Gowns

By MADGE MARVEL



DEEP violet, which approaches the royal purple in tone, is used in combination with cerise in one of the latest Poiret models to reach this side. The material is charmeuse. The skirt of violet is made without a slash, and is so long that there is a slight train. The tunic, also of the violet, is long in the back and reaches just above the knees in front, but there is no abrupt slope and no distention at the edges.



An Effective Model

At each side are deep pleats which make a cascade effect at the lower edge and allow the lining of cerise to show. The sleeves are of the cerise, and down each side of the tunic on the hips is a

breadth of the cerise adorned with buttons of the violet. The front of the bodice is plain, and the fastening is on the side. There is a high rolling collar of lace. A purple wig worn with this costume when it was shown in a Poiret parade seemed to blend so perfectly with the ensemble that every one exclaimed: "How much prettier purple hair is than ours!"

But there were murmurs of disapproval when a mannequin appeared wearing a wig of emerald green. It was parted demurely in front, and built out at the back of the head with a cascade effect.

It topped an evening gown that was as dainty and simple as a water lily, which some say it seemed to suggest. The skirt of pale green charmeuse was in the shade we once knew as Nile green. It was draped and short, and gave the idea of being but a lengthened overskirt worn over a petticoat of lace which was quite transparent. The bodice was of shaded chiffon velvet in a deeper green. It was plain, light-fitting and sleeveless.

There was a tiny fold of tulle to soften the effect in front of the corsage. The tunic of tulle was pleated and full, quite like a ballet skirt. About the waist were pearl ornaments, forming a deep corsage. From each ornament, hanging loose over the tulle tunic, was a strand of green beads ending in a tassel of pearls. White gloves reached just above the elbow, and were very much wrinkled at the wrist, and the slippers were heelless and of white kid.

Another Poiret model for the spring is built on the lines of the straight blouse, which Mme. Poiret wore so beautifully in New York recently, but which would be trying to the average mature American figure, though for the young and slender girl it is charming. It illustrates the manner in which striped and plain fabrics are to be used.

The skirt, long and plain, is of dark blue serge. At the side there is a peculiar line, which gives a panel effect, with the edges piped with red, and on a line with the knees, at the side seams, there are three red bone buttons. The blouse, of blue and red-striped serge, is perfectly plain and straight, and reaches below the hips, where it has a band of red duvetyne applied like a cuff. The sleeves are of the plain serge to match the skirt. There is a vest of cream muslin with a remarkable collar, which reaches up on the back of the head. It is so high and turns away in deep points just at the ears.

On each of the points are tiny tassels of tarnished silk, which sway like misplaced earrings. There is a band of galloon which finishes the vest. The wig to wear with this frock is of the most glaring vermilion.

There is a marked tendency in the spring styles toward the fitted bodices in dozens of models one finds the bodice drawn snugly to the figure like the old-time tunique.

Rhymes with a Reason

By Brett Page

The Pullman Porter

THE Pullman Porter is a pest. For in the morning, when you've dressed, And filled with cramps and blues You get down on your knees and try Beneath your berth to stick an eye, You find he's copped your shoes.

He brings them with a manful grand Then waits until you see his hand And do what you had oughter; Oh! if upon a battlefield You meet him do not let him yield, Please, give that guy no quarter!

The Taxicabby

THE Taxicabby is polite, He looks as if he'd treat you right Yet, be it understood, The fresh air of the street is fine— But his fresh air is superfine, And both will do you good.

For when you're ready to alight His grin is gone; he's there to fight, And, if you call him "Cheater!" Because you think it's meet for you, Look out! he's only meet for two; So pay up to the meter!

Daddy's Good Night Story

By GEORGE HENRY SMITH



BRER RABBIT was sitting by the freight smoking his pipe and reading the "Woodland News," when he suddenly jumped out of his chair and exclaimed: "Mother! Mother! look here what that rascal Billy has done!" Mrs. Rabbit dropped a plate in her excitement as she ran to Brer Rabbit's side. "What on earth is the matter?" she asked. "That boy Billy has been writing to the Editor of the Woodland News," said Brer Rabbit. "Here is his letter."

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The Kind of Girl a Man Likes

BY NORVELL ELLIOTT

The Girl's Mother. SUCH a tiny little domette it was, only three rooms, a bath and a porch the size of a canary bird cage. Yet the neighborhood was the best in the city, and the apartment house itself catered to high-class tenants.

"Since we cannot have quantity we've insisted on quality," said Anne and her mother when they moved into it. And quality they certainly got, quality in both apartment and in the kind of people who dropped in at all hours of the day and evening. As for Anne's beaux they were ALWAYS two, and two or three of them practically made the bit of an apartment headquarters. On balmy evenings the tiny porch was called into use, and a hanging basket or two, a soft light, a pretty tea table, a few chairs, presto! Anne had an ideal spot in which to be made love to as any girl could wish. That Anne certainly was "made love to" was never a subject for argument. It was a simple and undisputed fact. Anne was made for love, and there were never less than four men at a time ready to put their savings bank accounts and their hearts at her feet.

As my bachelor friend and I left the apartment Mrs. Ragdale came to the door with us, while Anne and her latest triumph waved good-by from the porch. "I wonder if Anne appreciates her," mused the man by my side as we strolled leisurely along in the unusually balmy air. "Anne is attractive, I will admit, but alone she never would be as popular as she is with that delightful mother of hers. Every man who visits Anne frankly confesses he adores her mother, and, when Anne runs off on her little pleasure trips the boys continue to go in for cosy chats with the senior member of the firm, as they call Mrs. Ragdale.

READY FOR WAR. In the Julius Tower of Spandau, a Prussian fortress eight miles from Berlin, a vast quantity of specie and £6,000,000 in gold are stored and held in reserve, ready for immediate use should Germany go to war.

Needless to say, elaborate precautions are taken to guard this mass of hoarded treasures. The gold coins are stored in chests, piled one upon another, in rooms, to which access only is possible by passing through three doors, each fitted with several locks.

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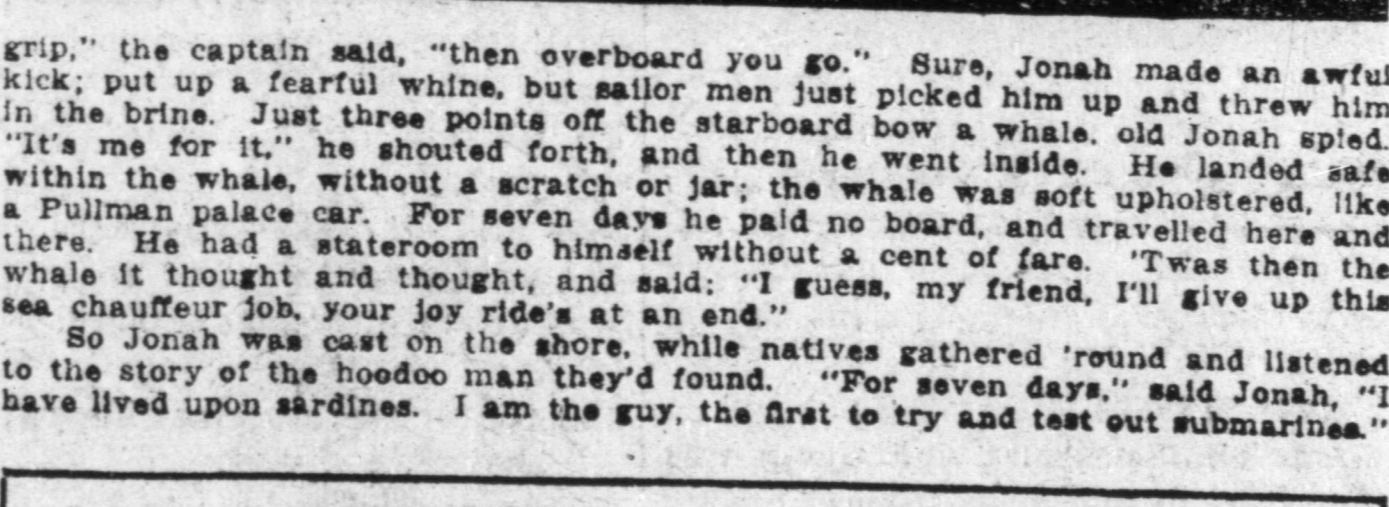
Is the money ever counted? No, never. The task, of course, would be almost impossible; but periodically each chest is weighed—and the correct weight, it may be said, is known to the smallest fraction of an ounce; whilst occasionally the seals are broken, the chests opened, and a careful inspection made by certain high officials, to make sure that the contents have not been tampered with in any way.

What Happened to Jonah

By Tom Jackson

JONAH was a hoodoo man, who lived long years ago, and every place he batted in he'd queer the bloomin' show. He was a picture of bad luck; a Jinx, he was for fair. Whenever he hiked to a town the folks got out of there. One time he took a trip to a place called "All hands on deck," the captain cried. "Great Scott, men, how it blows!"

"There is a hoodoo on this craft," the first mate loudly said, and then a wave came and his ship was on his head. "You're right, old Hoes," the crew replied, "whoever can it be?" "Get out the box," the captain cried, "and chuck the dice, and see." They threw the bones the best they could, and Jonah, he threw low. "Pack up your



Advice to Girls

By Annie Laurie

Dear Annie Laurie: I've a friend who says that no lady would go anywhere with mended gloves on. She says she'd stay at home all her life before she'd do it. What do you think? MODEST POVERTY. I THINK your friend is the queen of the Amalgamated Order of Goose Girls. Let her stay in the order—that's where she belongs. Put on your mended gloves and your neat little hat and your best smile and go anywhere you want to go, and forget that such people as your friend, the goose girl, are alive at all. That's the best way.

Dear Annie Laurie: I go to business college, and there's a girl sits next to me who is very pleasant and agreeable, but she does not want to offend her. It is getting to be a perfect nuisance. What shall I do about it? COURTEOUS. THERE are so many ways to a clear child, and it all depends upon you and upon the other girl as to which is the best. What sort of girl is she? A bright, clever, irresponsible sort of creature

with brains enough to see a point —when you make one? If she is, just laugh the next time she tries to borrow anything, and say good-humoredly, "Not today, little sister, I need that myself, and besides, I think it's about time you got some of your own things for your own self." If you don't want to do that, start in borrowing yourself. Borrow everything she has—and forget to return it. If she hasn't anything to lend she'll soon wake up and get something. It is all very well to be good-humored, but it is all very ill to be imposed upon.

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