

VIEW OF A WOMAN.

ADJUDGMENT TO LET ON THAT OLD
GARDEN'S MAY BE MADE NEW.

Still, Ladies May Read This Column for
Pointers From Her for Just How to
Do That Very Thing, but They Must
Not Tell Their Husbands or Fathers—
Timely Suggestions.

Olive Harper, the New York fashion expert, writes as a general rule I think it is bad judgment to let anybody know that a dress has been or can be made over, for if you do your husband or your father will think that you never need anything new. One of the prettiest suits of this season is one that is not only made over, but made out of things which the average woman throws away. Let me tell my friends about it, and it is just possible that they can find a hint or two in it. In the first place, skirts are ample around the bottom, and the clever lady had a skirt that was made when they were much narrower than they are now. The material was a soft brown cloth of good quality, but was far past its first freshness, and the jacket was quite threadbare around the bottom and on the lapels. The case looked very unbecoming, but recently knows no law, and the first thing was to take the skirt apart and wash the breadth in hot water, iron it on the wrong side, and then it was laid and sewed up in its usual shape. Then four deep slashes were made and the places filled in with fans of real brown silk, which made the rest seem of a better shade of brown and overcame the slightly faded places. The back was left in the plain, as before, as that is now in style. The waist I believe is of white silk, and over that is worn the reconstructed jacket. This has an elaborate trimming of featherbone cording in tan colored silk, and wherever the material showed signs of wear the cording was put on in fanciful shape. The high collar is also covered with the cording and the gathered cuffs.

I have spoken at length of this dress and have done it to show what the woman did, and the dress is absolutely new and in the latest style as far as appearance goes, and what more can any one desire? Venetian and the woolly zibelines make the



NEW DRESS MADE FROM AN OLD ONE.
best showing if one has to buy a dress and wants to make the best appearance for the money. So much can be done by clever management in the remaking of any really good quality of material that it always pays to get a good quality when possible, and nothing is more generally useful than brown cloth except black, and fashion now permits even quite young ladies to wear black cloth suits. There are patterns for sale everywhere, and on these are such full directions that it seems as though every lady whose education has not been entirely neglected can make her own gowns. So all there is to do is to make up or make over.

One lady of my acquaintance took a man's old faded spring overcoat, and from that covert she evolved a box coat that is just the highest style and as straight and ungainly as any of them. All she did was to rip out the lining and the under whole and then remodel it after a pattern, and behold, a fine garment! No one could have imagined that this was not an entirely new one.

I may add that the hat worn by the lady who sets so had an example to her sex, in letting the other sex know there can be "new things for old," made her own out of a rough rider hat she had last year, and all she did was to bind it with a piece of the brown cloth like the dress, and make a lot of drapery out of the dark brown silk, and that, with two wings made as becoming a hat as I have seen this season. There are hats for sale entirely without trimming, and there are few women in these days not clever enough to trim them. The only thing to remember is to have the bows and feathers lie enough. This part is, however, a matter of taste, as some of the most costly hats sent from Paris are made entirely of cloth with narrow borders of fur along the edges. Long strips of cloth, velvet and felt are streaked with beads or sequins and then bordered with the fur. These strips are six to eight inches wide and three yards long. They are made of cloth for the immense bows and the drapery around the crown. The hat mentioned above has no trimming aside from the bows of cloth, save one long black quill. The long amaranth plumes made of other small feathers fastened to a long stem have not proved very popular, partly, I think, because of a haunting fear that if it rained the feather might come unloosed. But, on the contrary, the old and tried ostrich plumes are seen everywhere.

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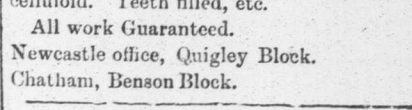
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