

Fashion Notes.

A revolution of dress seems making ready to come upon us in the near future. The fashions of 1880 are coming into vogue as fast as they can, and, instead of the tight, plain skirt and bishop sleeve, we will soon be familiarized with the full skirt, bell sleeve and linen under-sleeve. Already the skirts are showing the coming fullness. As yet, however, they are tucked or shirred for several inches at the top to give a tight-fitting effect about the hips. One skirt shown has a plain panel in front, widening toward the bottom. The rest of the skirt is tucked at the top, the tucks being let out to form the fashionable fullness below, and the back is finished with an inverted pleat. Many skirts of light-weight material are shown trimmed with ruffles at the bottom. It is doubtful, however, if the plain seven-gored skirt, whose general utility has recommended it so highly for the past few seasons, will be readily given up by those who care for comfort and convenience. Skirts are still made rather long, but the train is fast disappearing.

The favorite shirt-waists are made very simply. Many of them are tucked or pleated in front of the shoulders to give the flat effect across the chest which still is the mode, the pleats being let out to form the blouse effect below. Shirt-waists are trimmed simply with embroidery, or with strappings and buttons. Gold buttons are again in evidence. Indeed, this is a season of buttons, which are much used in trimming all costumes of the severer type. A new material which is very suitable for shirt-waists is called "vesting." As this launders beautifully, and is at the same time quite thick enough for winter wear, its popularity is ensured.

With other old fashions, the high girle is coming in. It should be made of some soft material, and arranged in soft folds, but should be fitted carefully to the figure and boned in place. As yet, the high girle is used almost exclusively with fancy gowns, not with shirt-waists.

Pastel tints are not much shown for mid-winter wear. At the present time there seems to be a decided preference for decided colors; and blue, green, brown and even crimson are worn. She who wishes to dress economically, however, will cling to the darker shades of which one never tires—navy blue, gray and black.

Never were collars prettier than at the present time. Indeed many simple shirt-waists need no other trimming to make them suitable even for evening wear. They may be made of lace and ribbon, or ribbon and small steel beads, or of lace applique arranged on the chiffon foundations, which may be bought ready to trim. Or they may be made of silk or velvet, fitted to the neck, fixed in place with featherbone, and trimmed with a long tab or tabs, of silk, edged with very narrow lace, in the front. These collars should be made with scrupulous neatness, and the fastening at the back should be "just right."

Perhaps the most sensible and popular dress that has appeared for many long years is the shirt-waist suit, which is becoming more popular every day. It consists of a shirt-waist trimmed with braid, or strapping and buttons, and a skirt of the same material, made to fit perfectly, and trimmed with braid or strapping to match the waist. Stitching may be used instead, on both, if preferred. A pretty collar and a nice girle are all that are needed to make this suit as attractive as need be. With it, a warm winter coat may be worn in cold weather, and on mild days a short, bloused Eton, with a peplum, or a Norfolk jacket, both of which will be worn this coming spring.

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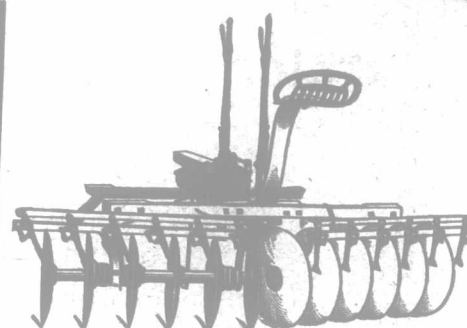
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