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What to Wear and When to Wear it.

The September Bride

The June brides will all be disposed of by the time this number reaches the hands of the "Monthly" readers and I am quite sure the thrifty girl who is looking forward to being married in September will have many of her preparations well underway already.

For her special benefit I sought an interview the other day with the men and women who are busy on lines for wear next fall and though actual garments are rather undetermined as yet, there are a number of little things that point to what the styles will be and it is quite possible now to get hints for underwear and such things.

One idea specially noted was in the matter of petticoats. By September the fad of the soft silk petticoat will be a thing of the past and taffeta will again reign supreme among silk skirts. The most popular petticoat, however, will be the silk moire with wool moire for common wear. These silk moires come in the loveliest shade and are very durable and almost as light as silk. It is a much better plan to buy the material by the yard, and make the skirts yourself. It is quite easy to get a well fitting pattern and you can make the flounce part as plain or as elaborate as you please. The material for three skirts will not cost much more than one ready-made skirt would cost and so frequently the ready-made skirts have been scorched in the pressing and cut, or the style in which they are gathered and frilled makes them tend to cut.

It is quite simple to stitch three or four casings in the very bottom of your flounce and run the cord in to give it the required stiffness. For this purpose, by the way, a ball of the twine used in stores for tying heavy dry goods parcels is as good a thing as you can get.

Skirts will be quite as close fitting

for fall as they have been this summer, that is round the hips, but there is a very decided expansion of the flounce. This is to accommodate the new skirts, which as I mentioned last month, are to be very wide round the bottom for the fall, while the sheath effect is still maintained higher up. Some of the sheer materials will be fifteen yards round the bottom and it will take some fullness underneath to hold this in proper place.

For the girl who is inclined to stoutness and prominent hips there is a new wrinkle in underskirts for fall and winter. This is a closely knitted skirt fitting like a glove and coming to just above the knee and completed with a very full flounce of taffeta or silk moire. I cannot say how these skirts may wear, personally I would be a little afraid of their getting out of shape, but the first effect is decidedly good for the woman or girl who wants to reduce her hips.

In the colors for underskirts black is still the leader but for the girl who makes her own and intends to indulge in a pretty skirt or two, let me say that old rose and wine shades will be the leaders for the fall.

The September bride in the country, who wishes to make up some pretty white skirts for her outfit, should get some city friend to watch the stores for her, for bargains in lace and embroidery. Lace which is both pretty and durable has been selling for three cents per yard recently and insertion to match at the same price. This lace combined with lawn, in the manner I described in detail for the June brides, will certainly make an exceedingly pretty skirt at very moderate cost. It is predicted that for the coming fall season the lingerie petticoat will be much more in evidence under even expensive party gowns than has been the case for some years and for this reason the September Bride should see to it that she has a

good supply. Fine embroidery, while not superseding lace, on these garments is certainly more in evidence than it has been for some years.

Separate Coats

The September bride will, of course have a suit, but I would suggest that she does not put too much money into it, but buy one at a more reasonable price and in addition have a separate coat, for the separate coat will be very popular for fall. These garments are decided on well ahead and one of the leading houses tells me that the fall coat will be 54 inches long, and closer in the lines than last year and that much of the trimming, in the form of straps, etc., will be low on the hips to give the long waisted effect. Many of the collars will be in the form of the Dutch collar and while many will be of the same material as the coat a number of moire and satin collars will be seen. Just at present there is a diversity of opinion about the leading colors, but all agree that self shades will be popular. As these coats are intended to be worn with different colored gowns, the more inconspicuous the shade the better.

Where collars are of a different material to the coat they will frequently be of black.

Suits

Although the exact fashion in suits for fall is still somewhat vague there are a few points to remember. The three piece suit will be the leader, the coats of suits, like the separate coats, are longer and there is a decided return to heavier material and more tweeds will be shown than has been the case for several seasons. The tendency in Eastern Canada to wear suits all

winter, with large stoles and muffs, is no doubt partly responsible for the heavier materials, but so far as the Canadian West is concerned I think I may venture to say that the fur coat and the fur-lined coat will continue to hold sway. One of the leaders of fall suits will be the extensive use of jet buttons. The sleeves of coats will be quite small.

Net Waist

The September bride may reckon a net waist or two among her outfit with the calm assurance that they will be not only pretty and useful but the correct thing. The new samples are out for fall, that is for early fall, but I would suggest to the girl who hopes to wear her net waists right through the winter that she beware of the long tucked sleeve which is shown on nearly all the early mode's. The styles for the later fall, which are now under way, all indicate small but decided puffs on the sleeves both at the elbow and the wrist, but particularly at the elbow. Net waists may be of black, white, or ivory and it is a splendid idea to have one the color of your suit, as this gives greater variety to your outfit, at comparatively small expense, the colored nets being shown at very reasonable prices.

Exhibition Shopping

Let me say a word to the women who are planning to come in to the Industrial Exhibition this month. There are, I have it on the authority of the heads of departments in all the big stores, to be very special bargains for exhibition week, so that the woman who has shopping which she wishes to do should plan to give her morn-

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