

VELVET SLEEVES TO GO.

SOME OF THE NEWEST THINGS IN FASHION WORLD.

Changing Skirts Hold Their Own—Velvet the Popular Trimming for Plaid—The Evening Dress Wear and the Cuspy Collar.

Fashion has issued her edict against velvet sleeves, and so, like the down trodden heathen Chinese, the velvet sleeve must go and become a thing of shreds and tatters, as far as popularity goes. And "pity 'tis" for it was a fancy that gave a very pretty effect to a gown, though it certainly had the drawback of riveting the wearer so firmly into her out of door jacket, that once she got into it, there was no getting out, single handed. Fortunately in bidding farewell to the velvet sleeve, we shall also get rid of its concomitant, the strip of velvet across the front breadths which always looked to me as if the material had given out unexpectedly, or else that the wearer's hem—underneath, had slipped down, and was coming off.

Clinging skirts still hold their own, sometimes cut on the bias of the goods, with just a few pleats at the hip to give a slight fullness to the skirt, and sometimes perfectly plain. But nevertheless fashion inclines very decidedly towards heavily trimmed skirts in the near future. Battlemented borders are already seen frequently and the very newest thing is supposed to be a ruche, and a full one at that. Across the front breadths, and even sometimes all around the foot of the dress, flounces are also seen on some imported dresses, and I suppose we may bless our stars, those of us who have sense enough to do so, if we don't have a revival of crinoline soon. For street toilettes cloth with a fuzzy, flakey surface, is the favorite. Indeed some of these goods closely resemble the snowflake cloths of ten years ago, plaids predominate largely, and they are large in every sense of the word, even in price, for they are to be so popular this season that they come in very high priced goods. Some of them have a most curious effect imparted to them by large spots at regular intervals, but rather far apart, which look like a shadow thrown on the surface, or to the highly imaginative mind, like a regular succession of grease spots about the size of a half dollar. Of course they must be quite the thing, because they are fashionable, but, quite between ourselves, they are not pretty.

Always have the plaid skirts cut bias, and have the basque made of plain material in the prevailing tint of the plaid, with plaid sleeves. If you should have the basque of plaid, be sure to have as few seams in it as possible, a stretched bodice is the correct thing if you are sure of a fit and can depend on your dressmaker, such a bodice is fastened under the arms and on the left shoulder with invisible hooks and eyes. If it be properly made the puzzled spectator will spend some time in speculating as to how the wearer gets into it, especially if he should chance to be of the male sex.

Velvet is the popular trimming for plaids, as it seems to combine particularly well with such goods. In colors, brown is very popular, and there is a decided preference for a golden tinge. Cadet blue, of course, holds its own, and heliotrope is still a favorite shade, especially for tea gowns and evening dresses.

Speaking of evening dresses, gold and gold lace will be more than ever a feature of the evening toilette of the coming season; gold lace in delicate vandyke patterns will be used for trimming, the points, of course, turned upward; white nets will be spotted with gold and also with silver; embroidery and black nets similarly decorated will also be much worn. A very noticeable feature in evening dresses will be the panier draperies over the hips in quite the old style. This is a charming fashion and becoming to all, except the very stout. It gives a picturesque look to any dress, and insensibly carries one's mind back to shepherdesses, crooks, ewe lambs, and lots of nice simple, pastoral things, far enough away from the modern ball room, though that is a very nice place too.

Evening bodices are, as a rule, laced in the back, and they fit well. They fit like the paper on the wall when the said paper was hung by a man, and one who understood his profession.

By the way, the bodice, as well as the velvet sleeve, has had its day, and is now on its way to an early grave. The shoulder cape and the storm collar hold its place already, and I really think the bodice was a fraud from the first. It looked very nice, but still it only kept your neck warm and tickled your ears, yea, and also the end of your nose, while the shoulder cape keeps you warm all over your chest and back; and the storm collar is simply too delightful for words to express half its charms; warm and cozy, soft and delicious, it clasps you in its tender embrace and shields you from the wintry blasts, till you almost imagine June weather has strayed into January. It comes above your ears and meets and shakes hands with your fur cap, and is altogether lovely. Where is the man who invented it? Or was he a woman? Never mind, I kiss my hand to him in loving homage.

Seal jackets have loose fronts and high medeci collars. Indeed all the jackets, wraps and capes have this most sensible finish, and chills down one's back will be unknown this winter.

I know a whole lot more about the fashions, as the gentleman who used to tell such awful yarns used to say. "I have a deal more in my head, gentlemen, if you'll just give me time to think."

But I have used up all my space now, so I must put it off till another time.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

(FOR ADDITIONAL SOCIETY NEWS SEE FIFTH AND EIGHTH PAGES.)

MONCTON.

Oct. 29.—"All is quiet on the Potomac," very quiet indeed, even to the verge of stagnation. Were it not for the revival now going on in town, and the intense ripple of excitement which has lately thrilled the upper circles of society, and shaken it to its very centre, I believe we should all be "napping" and dropping off to sleep. When I speak of the revival, I don't of course, mean any sudden outbreak of religious fervor in our steady going and evenly pious town, I refer to the revival of hostilities between the Transcript and Times, whose little differences of opinion are a source of perennial delight to their readers, and serve to keep the ball of life rolling briskly in journalistic circles. The only fear is, that they will soon have exhausted their stock of explosives, and be obliged to stop fighting through sheer inability to think of anything else to call each other.

When one comes to count up the number of ladies who are out of town just now, the result is simply appalling, one feels inclined to cry, "All, all are gone from us," and to begin writing the list of our bereavements is a most depressing task.

Miss Edie McKean left us last week to pay a visit to her friend, Mrs. J. J. Taylor, at Edmundston.

Miss Harris leaves town today or tomorrow, to spend some weeks in New York and Boston.

Miss Wilson still lingers in St. John.

Miss Campbell left us on Monday for St. John, and expects to return here in a few days.

Mrs. D. D. Currie, and the Misses Currie, took a party of five to the coast on Monday afternoon for St. John, where they will reside in future.

Mrs. Currie and her daughters have made home in St. John, where they will reside in future.

Mrs. J. L. Harris returned last week from her long visit to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Record, of Boston.

Mrs. R. A. Borden returned home last week from Sussex, where she has been visiting her mother, Mrs. William Smith.

Mrs. W. W. Wells left town on Thursday evening for Ottawa, on professional business.

Mr. R. W. Simpson, one of our popular young gentlemen, has been absent from town some weeks, being engaged on a survey at River du Loup.

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Mrs. MacLachlan, of New York, who has been visiting in Moncton, departed for her home on Wednesday night. She was accompanied by her son, Mr. Albert MacLachlan, who goes to New York for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. DeWolf Spurr, of St. John, who have been spending some days in Moncton, returned home on Friday last.

Miss Cougle, of Washington, who has been paying a long visit to Miss Harris, left Moncton on Thursday to the great regret of the many friends she made during her stay. Miss Cougle is a most charming young lady, and Moncton people will look longingly forward to her return, and hope it may not be long deferred.

Mrs. J. E. Church and children arrived in town on Thursday, to take up their permanent residence in Moncton. Dorchester's loss will be our gain in this case, and we are all glad to welcome to our midst an addition to our social circle as Mrs. Church, Dr. Church having been unable to obtain a suitable house, the family will leave for the winter to Mrs. Barnes on Main street.

Mrs. A. J. Hickman, of Dorchester, spent some days in town last week, the guest of Mrs. and Miss Chipman.

The Rev. G. M. Campbell left town on Saturday morning for St. Stephen, where he was to preach at the missionary anniversary in the Methodist church of that town.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hanington's Moncton friends are glad to welcome them back to town for the winter. They came over on Thursday and have taken a house on Weldon street, having been driven to their summer residence at Shediac, last year.

Miss Belle Stevens, who has been residing in Boston for the past year, is visiting at her home in Moncton. Miss Stevens many friends will be glad to hear that she intends remaining for two or three weeks.

Mr. H. C. Hanington, junior member of the law firm of Hanington, Tuck, Hewson & Hanington, has gone to Fredericton to spend some weeks at the Infirmary school. Mr. Hanington has been appointed commander of a company of volunteers, which has lately been transferred to Moncton, and he is receiving instructions which will prepare him for his new duties.

The many Moncton friends of Mrs. Hubby, wife of the Rev. Mr. Hubby, will be sorry to hear that she is seriously ill at her home in Sussex.

Captain Thomas Boyd, of the Dorchester bark *Zeus*, Palmer, who has been granted a three months leave of absence, is in town visiting relatives. Captain Boyd is accompanied by his wife and son.

The Rev. B. A. Borden, principal of Mount Allison Ladies' Academy, Sackville, and Mrs. Borden spent last Monday in Moncton, the guests of Mrs. R. A. Borden. Principal Borden supplied the place of the Rev. Mr. Campbell, in the Methodist church, on Sunday, preaching a eloquent sermon both morning and evening.

Mrs. and Mr. E. C. Cole's many friends will regret to hear of the serious illness of their little son. The trouble is some affection of the brain, always a thing to be dreaded in very young children.

Dr. Inch, president of the Mount Allison Institution, paid a short visit to Moncton on Tuesday, and on Wednesday he addressed the students of the Island, were registered at the Brunswick on Saturday.

Mrs. Oliver Cummings and her sister, Mrs. Dimock, of Truro, paid a visit to Moncton last week.

CEDIC GWINNE.

(FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.)

So many of our young ladies are spending the autumn out of town, that Moncton seems dull, and the absence of such a number of familiar faces half the brightness of the autumn weather, and brings "the melancholy days" to our time.

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Mrs. Thomas F. Williams left town on Monday afternoon, for a rather extended trip in the United States. She intends visiting friends in New York and Washington, and will be absent some weeks.

Dr. A. H. Chandler, mining electrician and expert, left town on Monday last for Boston and New York on business in connection with his extensive mining properties in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

He has recently located and exposed two valuable manganese beds in Elgin, Albert county, and Salisbury, Westmorland county, the developments of which are being vigorously pushed, and the material on the former property is said to be exceedingly rich, being of what is usually known as the needle-ore variety.

MARYSVILLE.

Oct. 29.—Dr. Cadieux, of Chicago, delivered an interesting lecture on Saturday evening in the Hall, on alcohol and its effects on the human system. On Sunday afternoon he addressed the Sunday-school, and in the evening gave a lecture on "Bible Wines" in the Methodist church. While here he was the guest of Rev. Mr. Chapman.

Mr. Thompson Biles, of Somerville, Mass., formerly of Fredericton, arrived here on Sunday, and on Monday carried off one of our most popular young ladies, Miss Jennie Gibson, only daughter of Mr. J. Gibson.

The marriage ceremony was at the residence of the bride's father, Rev. Mr. Chapman officiating. Only the near relatives of the bride and groom were present. The bride was attired in a navy blue broadcloth travelling suit, and looked very charming. After luncheon the happy couple took the train for St. John, where they will spend a few days before going to their home in Somerville.

The bride was the recipient of a large number of very handsome presents from her numerous friends. She will be very much missed, being a general favorite.

A number of young ladies talk of starting a "sandwich club" to pass away the winter evenings. Of course, the young gentlemen will be asked to join and assist them in it. I believe they have their first meeting this week at Mrs. John T. Gibson's.

SCHEMELER.

CAMPBELLTON.

(PROGRESS is for sale in Campbellton at the store of A. E. Alexander, wholesale and retail dealer in dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, hardware, school books, stationery, furniture, carriages and machinery.)

Premature gray whiskers should be colored to prevent the appearance of age, and Buckingham's Dye is by far the best preparation to do it.—Advt.

HAMPTON.

(PROGRESS is for sale at Hampton station by T. G. Brown, and at C. E. Frost, and at Hampton village by Messrs. A. & W. Hicks.)

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Miss Jennie Raymond, who has been visiting in the city, returned home on Thursday.

Rev. C. H. Paisley drove to St. John early Monday morning and took the first train for Fredericton to visit his sister, Miss Jane Paisley, whose death occurred during that day.

Mr. F. M. McLeod, of Sussex, was in town on Friday.

Miss Carrie Caldwell paid a visit to her sister, Mrs. E. H. Fairweather, at Robbsey on Tuesday.

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