

Spring Fashions.

Spring lines appear more generally in the store-windows, and show us all that, while there is certainly a fair display of novelties, we are to witness the revival of a good many old favorites under new names.

For instance, the printed molairs now offered as spring novelties and intended to take the place of the nun's veilings, are little else than the brilliancies of some years back. These goods shed dust far better than veilings and do not soil easily, and now that they are shown in the most delicate colors should certainly regain some of their old time popularity. There is also a new vigogne, having hairy stripes like fur, offering. This fabric will make excellent undershirts, but it is out of the question for drapery, owing to its thickness and stiffness. The new colored velvet cloths bid fair to be the success of the season. They are thick, soft, smooth and shining like silk; they cling closely to the figure and drape beautifully, and as they are shown in all fashionable tints will prove strong competitors for the fancy woollens which are unusually numerous and pretty this season.

Present indications seem to point to a season of striped fabrics. Stripes of every style, color and description seem to have stepped into the front rank of novelties and bid fair to be the typical feature in coming spring styles. Naturally the principal efforts of the modistes are devoted to studying the best method in which to vary these familiar effects, and a change obtained by forming the stripes into a series of points on the front of the skirts, with perpendicular stripes at the sides and kilts of plain goods alternating, is recommended as being novel without the drawback of intricacy.

Braid and braiding patterns are more fashionable than ever, and expensive costumes are covered with close patterns of black standing Russia upon lighter grounds. Costumes of plain cloth or cashmere have the skirt draped up at the side over a wide panel heavily braided; the close-fitting amazon bodice having a braided plastron to match. So great has the demand for braid become that a dolman cloth, covered with a pattern in relief, simulating braiding, has been introduced to compete with the genuine article, and we have seen some pretty jackets made of this new style of cloth.

The new short costume for morning walks or shopping will be very popular. The "trotteur," as this revival of an old style is called, is usually made of fancy checked cloth of the various shades of brown, preferably with lines or streaks of bright colors. The skirt has one deep plaited flounce with a stitched heading and short drapery. The amazon bodice, close fitting, comes down a few inches below the waist and is buttoned down the front. The out-door jacket of the same material is tight-fitting at the back with a loose front, it has a turn-down velvet collar and revers and is lined with striped silk and fastened with one double button only.

The Odette bodice is another revival that has taken hold of the popular fancy. It is a bodice of red faille francaise or surah, finely plaited on to a plain shoulder piece and fastened round the waist with a belt, something after the style of the old Garibaldi. It may be worn with any number of varying skirts and seems to have been much patronized by the younger ladies. — *Montreal Journal of Commerce.*

Breadstuffs Exports.

In an article on the exports for January from the United States, the *N. Y. Commercial Bulletin* has this to say:—

"The most unfavorable feature of the returns related to the shipments of breadstuffs, which declined to an unusual extent. This was not confined to wheat, for the exports of corn were but 1,649,088 bu against 2,181,124 bu for the same month last year, and there was also a decrease in oats and oatmeal. But the shipments of wheat were only 2,662,097 bu, against 8,056,661 for the same months last year, and examination of returns shows that more than half the quantity actually exported, namely 1,378,778 bus. went from ports on the Pacific coast. Once more Atlantic speculators are giving full control of foreign markets to the producers and dealers of other countries and of the Pacific coast, and as a consequence the grain from Atlantic states accumulates in great quantities unsold. The exports of flour were also a little smaller than those of the same month last year, but reached 1,016,461 brls. It may be profitable at this time to observe that the total exports of wheat thus far reported for the crop year amount to but little over \$1,000,000 bus. against nearly 91,000,000 bus. exported during the same months of the previous year. As the stock rendered available for export, after deducting the full supply for home consumption and seed, was more than 171,000,000 bus. this year, against actual exports of about 153,000,000 bus. during the last crop year, it appears that the quantity now on hand in excess of all home requirements for the year is more than 90,000,006 bus., and exceeds by more than 28,000,000 bus. the quantity exported during the remaining five months of the last crop year. Thus it comes to pass that the bankers of the Atlantic states are again called upon to carry over to the next crop year an unsold stock of 30,000,090 bus. or more, in excess of the ordinary reserve, with considerable chance of loss to holders if the next crop proves of ordinary size."

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21 10	19 55	Birtle	7 45	3 30
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