

HATS SMALLER THIS YEAR?



Has there been a milliners' conspiracy to make us buy two Sunday hats this winter? These beguiling dealers in hats assured us early in the season that smaller hats were to be worn—and now just look at this sketch of hats seen in an ultra-fashionable establishment!

The smallest hat in the shop it a turban 12 inches across and 8 inches

high, and the largest one is just 37 inches across. That doesn't look as if small hats are "just the thing," does it?

The turban is a draped one of amethyst beaver cloth, simply trimmed with a band of gold embroidery across the front and a broad conventional bow of velvet in the back.

The largest one is a blue French felt trimmed with a large satin bow

and jet cabochons. And 37 inches across, think of it!

The other is about 25 inches wide and is a model or pattern hat, reduced from only \$150 to \$75. The hat is green velvet of a new shade, very light. The feathers are broad ostrich tips and cover the crown in a graceful shower. The broad brim is faced with black velvet, which gives the finishing touch to a most artistic combination.

LONDON DADS STAGE SERIOUS

London Theatre Goes in State of Rebellion—"Servant in the House" Brought Out at Inopportune Time.

London, Nov. 10.—"The Servant in the House," has come to London at a somewhat inopportune time. In the first place it follows too closely upon Mr. Jerome's play "The Passing of the Third Floor Back," which it somewhat resembles in theme. In the second place it is produced at a moment when London theatregoers are in a state of rebellion against being preached at from the stage. So extreme is this spirit of rebellion that Mrs. Wynne Mathison were well received and the rest of the cast highly commended. It is difficult to foretell the future of plays, especially in London, where the night enthusiasm means so little and criticism is so guarded, but somehow you cannot see a long run in store for "The Servant in the House."

The question has arisen as to why Mr. Shaw's piece, "The Showing Up of Blanco Posnet," should have been censured, largely on account of the alleged blasphemy of the ignorant Blanco and Mr. Kennedy's hero, the working man, Robert, allowed to speak of religion and the church in a delightfully free and forcible manner with never a sign of disapproval from the censor.

SHORTER COATS MAY NOW RULE

A Prophecy of Shorter Coats Comes from Paris—Rough Serges to the Fore—Features of Early Frocks.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 10.—Outside of the shops and the workrooms of the dressmakers comparatively little is being done at the moment. The fashion of the moment is a new one before the middle or last of November, and this year even the new street toilets have put in an appearance slowly and hesitatingly. The tendency toward later no longer in country houses, a tendency more pronounced with each passing season, doubtless has much to do with the clinging to frocks, over which for comfort's sake, were worn long knitted sweaters or, more inconspicuously, long fur motor coats.

Must Be Ready.

But when a woman does come back to town at least a few frocks must be ready for immediate use, and since early September dressmakers and tailors have been busy on these first frocks, over the tide of mid-season dressmaking is swelling and the woman who optimistically starts in to have anything made in a hurry is likely to have her illusion rudely shattered.

There seems to be a wonderful unanimity about the early fall tailored costumes. Short coat models were among the things imported and Paris correspondents write that in the great dressmaking establishments emphasis is being laid on the shorter coat, but both in Paris and New York the coat and skirt costumes and three-piece costumes worn so far are almost invariably long.

A Parisian friend writes us of an interview with one of the great fashion arbiters:

"We had a spirited argument as to coat length, and at last we compromised on a length shorter than I had counted on, a little longer than the length recommended."

"But nobody is wearing short coats," I contended.

"Wait, madam. The last word is not said. The crowd has its way first. Then the elegant steps in and says what she will have—and usually she does not jump with the crowd. When the season is really on you will see what you shall see."

Then they showed me most delectable short coat models, rather more fitted than those to which we have grown accustomed, and I ended by ordering one. Now I am waiting to see what it is that I shall see; but I fancy you in America are fairly safe with your long coats for this season.

There's a trace of slur in that last sentence. We in America flatter ourselves that we keep very well abreast of Parisian models, and yet, after all, when that last word is said, we are usually a little, just a little, behind the procession.

Paris Models.

As a crowd we model our season's frocks upon the models shown in Paris at the beginning of the season. The chief Parisian waits two months to order hers and in those two months changes have been made, new ideas have developed.

Designers have tired of lines become inferior and are experimenting with new things; but here our ideas for the season are fixed. It will be

YOUTHFUL LOVE OF BISMARCK

Interesting Sidelight Into Life of Prince Bismarck—Youthful Sweetheart Described as the Irresistible English Miss.

London, Nov. 10.—A new Bismarck biography written by Professor Erich Marck contains interesting revelations regarding the Iron Chancellor's youthful loves. It was "a charming English girl," described by Professor Marck as a Miss Russell, who belonged to the "highest English aristocracy" to whom the young statesman first paid ardent court, and to whom he was at one time engaged. Bismarck was twenty-two years old, and had just mounted the first rung of the Prussian bureaucratic ladder as a "referendar" at Aix-la-Chapelle.

At Wiesbaden.

He met Miss Russell at Wiesbaden in 1836 in the company of her uncle and aunt, "the Duke and Duchess of C." The young people's acquaintance was renewed in 1837 and on that occasion Bismarck made no secret of his tender fondness for "the British blonde of unusual beauty."

Bismarck is said by his biographer to have been so devoted to Miss Russell that he neglected his official duties to follow her to Switzerland, and a betrothal "appears actually to have taken place." Bismarck is said to have exceeded his leave from official duties by two months. Then, remembering that he was a Prussian civil servant, he wrote from Bern to his superiors begging humbly for forgiveness.

Shortly afterwards the engagement to the "irresistible English miss" was broken off, "when, where or why," writes Marck, "nobody seems ever to have known." But Bismarck took it much to heart, and his biographer tells of letters and incidents to prove that for a long time he was melancholy and depressed.

MRS. ASTOR HAS OBTAINED HER FREEDOM NOW

Secures Interlocutory Decree of Divorce From Her Husband—Is Awarded Custody of Daughter Muriel.

New York, Nov. 10.—Mrs. John Jacob Astor has been granted an interlocutory decree of divorce from her husband, Col. Astor, by Justice Mills sitting in the supreme court at New City, Rockland county, N. Y. All papers in the case were sealed and the proceedings were most carefully guarded.

The papers were submitted to the justice by Referee Charles Young.

Mr. Young recommended that Justice Mills sign the decree of divorce. If the parents of the bride provide outfit and carriage, if, as generally happens, it is a runaway marriage, and the bride has felt the need of some woman to stand by her at the last moment, we charge for all expenses, such as carriage and any additions to costume that are necessary.

When asked the reason for the existence of the professional bridesmaid, the manager said: "It is partly due to the superstition that to be a bridesmaid three times it unlucky. Some brides cannot secure among their friends a girl who has not served twice before in this capacity. So they want a conventional wedding, so they get a bridesmaid who will be a good looking, well-mannered girl, sure to be dressed tastefully and able to do gracefully all that is required of her."

Mrs. Astor was Miss Ava Louie Willing of Philadelphia, and was married to Col. Astor in 1891.

Mrs. Astor at French Lick Springs, Paoli, Ind., who has been granted a divorce from Col. John Jacob Astor, is at French Lick Springs. Every effort has been made to keep her identity secret. She is known as Mrs. Austin of Red Bank, N. J. It is rumored here that Mrs. Astor will reside in France.

WOMAN TO CONSTRUCT RAILWAY

Chicago, Nov. 10.—Miss Frances Storrs, of Dimmitt, Tex., is going to build a railroad if she cannot find any one else to do it.

She called at President Ripley's office recently to see if the Santa Fe would operate a line 65 miles long and connecting with its line in Lovett county provided she would build it.

Washington To Have New Beauty This Year



This is Miss Ruth Wynne, daughter of Robt. J. Wynne, consul general of the United States in London. Miss Wynne will make her debut in Washington this winter. She is a beautiful, delightful girl, and an accomplished linguist.

BRIDESMAIDS TO ORDER NOW

London Mercantile House Adds New Department To Its Business -- Everything Supplied by Firm But Clergymen.

London, Nov. 10.—The latest enterprise of a department store in London, is to provide bridesmaids. They are not kept as a special department. Said the manager:

"We are only asked for them two or three times a year. When an order comes we send one of our young women clerks or some other feminine employe. We charge \$5.25 a bridesmaid if the parents of the bride provide outfit and carriage. If, as generally happens, it is a runaway marriage, and the bride has felt the need of some woman to stand by her at the last moment, we charge for all expenses, such as carriage and any additions to costume that are necessary.

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LOMBROSO AND HIS CHILDREN

Disregard For Appearances One of His Chief Characteristics—His absentmindedness

London, Nov. 10.—One side of the late Prof. Lombroso's character little known to outsiders made him adored by his children, especially his two daughters, who looked after him as though he were a child.

His two greatest domestic characteristics were disregard of appearances and absentmindedness. When he was invited out in the evening it was the work of two or three days to get him keyed up to putting on his dress clothes, and even then he was capable of weakening at the last moment and going out just as he happened to find himself.

Lost Overcoat.

Once when going to Rome he lost his overcoat, but was not in the least discouraged, as he entered a first shop of ready-made clothing and bought the topmost thing which came to hand without even looking at it. It proved to be a long, bright bottle green cloak which came down to his heels, and in which he looked with his broad brimmed felt hat, like a figure attired for the carnival.

His absentmindedness was so great that when under the care of the home circle he never attempted to look after the money and would even leave the house to go shopping without ever looking to see if he had his purse with him. Naturally when he traveled the consequences for his pocket were disastrous. He invariably arrived home without a penny no matter how much he had taken away with him, having either lost it or had it stolen.

In Vienna once he lost his purse, which frightened him so that when he recovered it he resorted to the expedient of dividing his funds into various small sums which he concealed about his person in all kinds of unlikely places, so that at least he could not lose it all at one time. There was a note in the lining of his hat, another in his boots, several pinned to his shirt, and so on, but notwithstanding this he arrived home in his usual penniless condition.



Muriel, daughter of Col. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor—Mrs. Astor will likely have the custody of the child.

presented justifies the findings of the referee. I shall, therefore, sign the judgment and grant an interlocutory decree if there are no objections."

No Objections.

Mr. Ledyard arose and said there was no objection, and Justice Mills signed the paper, whereupon Mr. Taft made a second motion, asking that all papers in the case be sealed. The motion was granted, and counsel left the court and returned to this city.

No statement was forthcoming which of the parents would have custody of the two Astor children. It is understood, however, that counsel in the case made a preliminary arrangement as to the disposition of the children and the question of alimony.

It has been generally reported that Col. Astor made a settlement of \$100,000 in lieu of alimony.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN QUEEN'S HOUSEHOLD

London, Nov. 10.—Important changes in the Queen's household are contemplated. The Duchess of Buccleuch is anxious to relinquish her place as Mistress of the Robes, owing to the strain that her duties put upon her advancing years. It has not yet been decided who will succeed her in this capacity, but it is generally understood that the Queen will select either the Marchioness of Lansdowne or the Marchioness of Salisbury, both of whom are at the present time attached to her household as Ladies of the Bedchamber. It is understood that the Countess of Maclefield will be the new Lady of the Bedchamber and that the Marchioness of Londonderry will succeed her as Extra Lady of the Bedchamber.

Very before we swing into line with the very late fall Parisian fad.

Meanwhile, as has been said, there is a decided sameness about the fall tailor-mades. The long loose, straight coat, curving just a little more at the sides than that of the spring, and semimitting in the back, in the rule and rough serge carries all before it.

The new sash Jennie A Pickles, which was recently launched at Bridgeport, N.S., is now loading lumber at Annapolis, for Havana, and is expected to sail on Saturday next.

TETRAZZINI TRIED TO REMAIN AWAY

New York, Nov. 10.—Mme. Tetrazzini, who arrived here from abroad last Saturday, could not attend the opening performances of "Herodiade" at the Manhattan Opera House last night because the customs officials wouldn't let her have a gown to wear.

When the singer went to the customs house to select a gown for the opening of Mr. Hammerstein's season she was told that all of her dresses were stage costumes and therefore dutiable. She protested that they were merely evening gowns. The customs man was obdurate. He would not release a gown, especially a decollete gown, for that, he declared, was surely a stage costume.

"Then I'm not going to the opera," said the singer. "The only costume I possess is a shirtwaist and a walking skirt."

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