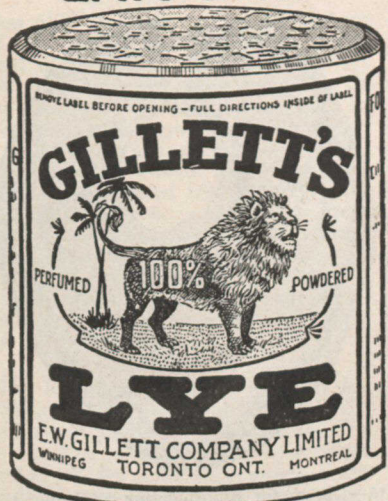


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HOW TO MAKE A FANCY BASQUE WITH SURPLICE FRONTS

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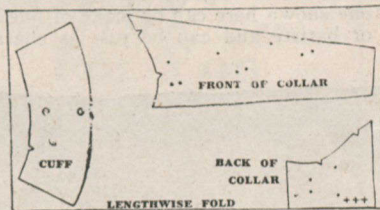
THE present is essentially the season of the basque. That is to say, every fashionable bodice is finished over the skirt in place of under it, and that of course is the essential feature of the basque. In this lesson we will talk about an extremely attractive model, the fronts of which form a sash at the back. It can be made of the same material as the skirt if that material is light enough to drape prettily, or it can be made of crepe de chine, charmeuse satin, chiffon velvet or other similar material, to be worn over a skirt of something heavier, such as broadcloth or gabardine, or, it can be made of silk, over velvet. In the illustration the material is charmeuse satin, and the chemisette, the collar and the cuffs are made of white faille silk, but if a simpler material is used for the bodice, crepe de chine or washable satin would be preferable for the chemisette and the cuffs.

By far the greater number of fashionable materials are woven 44 inches wide, and since that width is a good one for this pattern, it is shown in the diagrams for the basque. The faille from which the collar, chemisette and cuffs are cut is 27 inches in width. In one diagram the material is folded lengthwise and the back and the side-back of the basque and the sash are shown. In the second diagram the front and sleeve are shown on material folded crosswise, for the entire width is needed for the front, and this method of placing the pieces is the most economical. As the bow, however, is longer than 44 inches, it must be pieced and the small

marked with three crosses on the fold, the front with the long straight edge lengthwise, and the cuff with the perforations lengthwise. There are no seams allowed on this pattern, and it is therefore easy to preserve its shape and to mark the sewing



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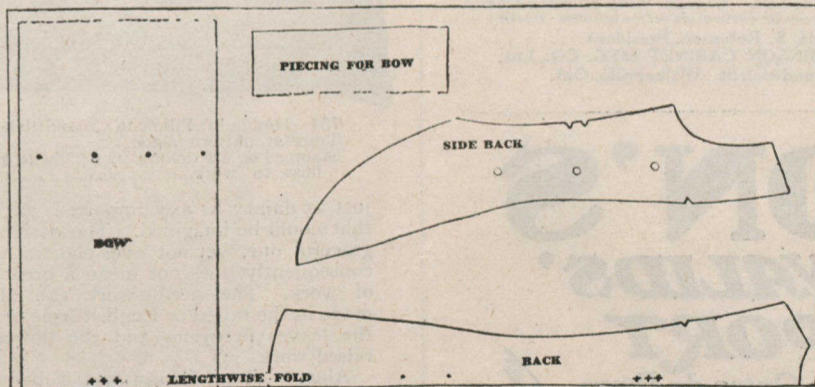


The Chemisette and Cuffs on material 27 inches wide, folded lengthwise

oblong piece is the end which has been cut off at the point indicated by the dotted line. The fronts require the full width of the goods. Therefore, before placing the pattern on the material, it should be opened out if it is folded and the fold pressed out, then the material folded crosswise and the front pinned into place with the sleeve as already mentioned. Then each piece of the goods will be doubled and the two sides of the garment can be cut at one time. The chemisette and cuff are shown in a smaller diagram.

line. After pinning the pattern carefully into place, trace all round the outside edges with a tracing wheel or tailor's chalk, as is best adapted to the material. Then cut beyond that line for the seams. If you are using charmeuse satin, crepe de chine or any other closely woven material, three eighths of an inch will be ample; if the material is loosely woven and frays easily, allow five eighths of an inch to provide for that tendency. Next, mark through to the under side of the cloth with tailor's tacks, which are described in the lesson of last month, and mark all the perforations in the same way, for there is no other method that is quite so perfect and no other that is so satisfactory.

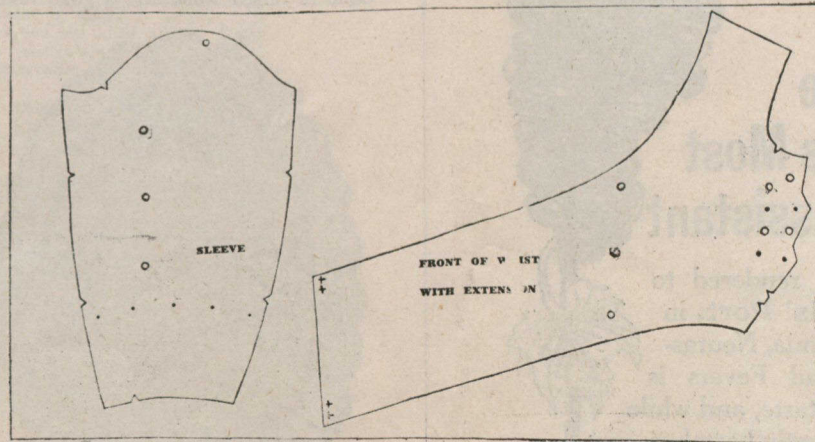
Fold the pieces of the chemisette, of the



The back, side-back and bow on material 44 inches wide folded lengthwise.

If the shorter sleeves are wanted and the sash with only knotted ends, the pattern of the sleeve should be cut off on the crossline of perforations, and the bow omitted and each front cut 14 inches longer than the pattern. To do this, place the

collar, and of the cuffs, and lay aside until wanted, for we will make the basque first. Join the back and the side-backs with the notches exactly meeting and be careful to baste on the marked outline of the pattern; then form plaits at the under-arm



The Front and Sleeve on material 44 inches wide folded crosswise.

sleeve on the material folded lengthwise, in the place now filled by the bow, and fold the piece for the fronts to allow an added length of 14 inches on the extension.

The third diagram shows the white silk folded lengthwise, the back of the collar

edges of the fronts by lapping the smaller perforations to the large perforations. Then close the shoulder and under-arm seams, always meeting the notches exactly, and basting on the sewing line. At this point, slip the basque on the wearer. If there is

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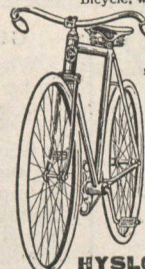
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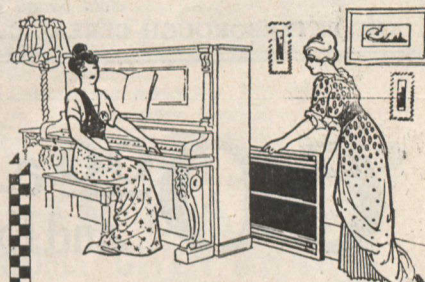
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