

TO FACE THE WINTRY WINDS



Chic turban; a tall of blue velvety with collar and huge cuffs of opossum, set off with smart strapped walking shoes with reasonable heels, comprise this shopping outfit.

LINES OF THE WINTER MODE

Same General Style is Found in the Frocks of Majority of the Couturiers.

Once again one may speak of the lines of the mode, since fashionable designers have decided to agree upon one particular style, writes a fashion correspondent in the Milwaukee Sentinel. Indeed, the close harmony between the different large dressmaking houses is one of the most striking features of the winter season. Last year at this time it was almost impossible to get a clear idea of the new fashions. Each designer went his own way, and a woman apparently could dress according to her type without worrying about the rest.

Now all this is reversed, and the same general lines are found in the frocks of all the couturiers. A black velvet afternoon dress from Worth will serve as a good example of the new trend of fashion.

The waistline of this frock is long and supple, and the narrow underskirt is a good deal longer than those of last year. Three rather broad panels fringed with monkey fur almost sweep the ground, especially behind, where they are slightly longer. The skirt is almost covered by these panels, which when they are lifted gracefully in walking, have the happy way of getting the eyes accustomed to the longer skirts.

The very high collar, so high that it entirely covers the chin, is another characteristic of the winter's models. There are no whiteblouses in evidence, however. The collars are held in place simply by their cut, being rather tight and very high.

The sleeves of the aforementioned frock are also typical. They are very long, so long that they form folds and are pushed back by the hands, over which they fall, thus making them appear smaller and whiter.

One French designer does not wish to lose the opportunity of contrasting the white skin of madame with the black velvet, so he cuts a slit in the front of the bodice, which gives a lighter appearance to the whole dress. Smart frocks from all the fashionable houses make good use of these gashes or openings. Sometimes the slashings are found in the collars, sometimes on the shoulders and sometimes on the long, tight sleeves.

CAPE, COAT FOR RIDING HABIT

Garment Circular in Shape and on Military Lines, but Without Military Collar.

New knee-length capes to wear over riding habits are in large black-and-white checked woollens, lined with black taffeta. These are circular in shape and on military lines, but without the military collar. This type of collar, which formerly was used, has been discarded, because it has a tendency to crush the collar on the riding habit. Now capes and coats to wear over riding suits have soft, crushed collars.

For an extra topcoat those made of steamer rugs are extremely practical and smart. They may be of the bright colored tweed or vicuna rugs, in plain colors or plaids. Such coats are straight in cut and about knee length and may be drawn in with a leather belt or allowed to hang free. The sleeves are perfectly straight in cut and folded back to a depth of about two inches to form the cuff, as the wrong and right sides of the material are the same.

Weak Eyes and Wisdom. Fair promises are like horn-rimmed spectacles. They don't amount to much unless there is something back of them.

True Style. Proper words in their proper places make the true definition of style.—Swift.

Words in English Language. There are approximately 600,000 words in the English language.

FARMERS WARNED TO ERADICATE CHICORY

It Has Become Troublesome Weed in Many Sections.

Seeds of Plant Usually Distributed in Grass or Clover Seed in Which It Occurs as an Impurity—Readily Identified.

One man's meat is another man's poison; and chicory, grown as a vegetable in Europe, is likely to become a pest over here, says the United States Department of Agriculture. Chicory is grown as a vegetable and forage crop in Europe and to a lesser extent as a vegetable in the United States. In some sections, notably in Michigan, there is a considerable production of the root for use as a coffee substitute. It readily runs wild, and the wild form has become in recent years a troublesome weed from the state of Virginia northward. Its spread has increased from year to year until the Department of Agriculture finds it sufficiently disturbing to justify a warning to farmers.

The seeds of the wild forms are usually distributed in grass and clover seed in which it occurs as an impurity. Farmers should watch for the appearance of the plants, readily identified by the blue flowers and thick roots, and eradicate it by cutting an inch or so below the soil surface. After cutting, drop a pinch of salt on the severed root, which will prevent sprouting. During the morning hours the bright, blue flowers are very conspicuous and it is easy to locate the plants and either pull or cut them. When it appears in quantity it may be eradicated by growing an intertilled crop, such as potatoes or corn, for at least two years. Continuous grazing by sheep or goats will also help destroy the weed.

Chicory was brought into Massachusetts from Holland in 1785. The principal use of the plant is as a coffee substitute and adulterant, for which the roasted dried root is used. Improved varieties of chicory are used as salads and greens. The young, tender roots are also edible. One variety produces witloof, a vegetable that is becoming increasingly important. As a forage plant chicory is little esteemed in the United States, but in Europe it is regarded as a valuable element in sheep pastures.

Information regarding the control and eradication of chicory is contained in Circular 108, United States Department of Agriculture.

SELF-LOADING GRAIN TRUCK

Particularly Useful on Farms and Can Be Transported From Place to Place With Load.

The Scientific American in illustrating and describing a self-loading truck, the invention of J. A. Klovstad of Hope, N. D., says: The invention has reference more particularly to that type of hand trucks that are designed to be self-loading and useful on farms, in cars, and warehouses, its main object being to provide a hand truck that will quickly load itself, and can be transported from place to place with and without its load.

TUBERCULOSIS OF CHICKENS

Affected Fowls Squat in Secluded Places and Gradually Become Quite Emaciated.

Tuberculosis of chickens is quite common and is caused by a type of tubercle bacillus which has become adapted to birds. Transmission of tuberculosis from poultry to mammals, including man, is rare except in case of hogs. Hogs contract tuberculosis from poultry, and are more susceptible to cattle tuberculosis than are cattle themselves. Chickens, when affected, squat in secluded places and gradually become emaciated. In dressing a diseased chicken the breast muscles are usually wasted and the lesions are most likely to be found in the liver, spleen and intestines. Cheesy masses in any of these organs is always suspicious. The disease may be detected by means of the intradermal tuberculin test.—George H. Glover, Colorado Agricultural College.

HAIRY VETCH IS EXCELLENT

Superior as Feed, Either Green or in Hay, and Exceedingly Useful as Cover Crop.

The United States Department of Agriculture finds hairy vetch the best winter legume for all localities in the eastern half of the United States, where red clover fails or where crimson clover is not a success. Vetches make excellent food, either green or as hay, and are also exceedingly useful as cover and green-manure crops.

Japanese "Insect Bell." A natural curiosity of Japan is the "insect bell." It is a black beetle which emits harmonious sounds like those of a little silver bell.

The potato crop is one of the largest on record, but no new low price records are anticipated.

Now that prices are coming back to normal, buying should come back to normal.

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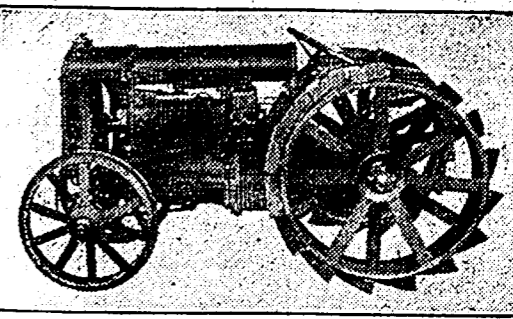
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The beautiful cut flowers, which lent their fragrance to our worship last Sunday, were given in loving memory of Judge John H. Hardy.

It is rumored that the church auditorium will receive another fine gift in the near future.

The members of the Woman's Alliance voted not to serve the usual dinner town meeting day. This enables the ladies to give their time and attention to their duties as citizens and to participate in the discussions next Monday.

WEST ACTON

News Items. The body of Albert McDonald of Lexington was brought here for burial in the family lot at Mt. Hope. Mr. McDonald was a resident here many years ago, but for a long time has resided in Lexington and has carried on the business of floriculture with a prominent retail trade in Boston. He was a veteran of the Civil war. He leaves one son, Arthur, who was associated with him in business. Mrs. Herman Chaplin of this village is a niece.

The Woman's Benevolent society held their monthly supper and entertainment at the vestry of the Baptist church Thursday evening.

Mrs. M. F. Warren of Groton is visiting the P. S. Kimball's.

Electric lights have been installed in the homes of Mrs. A. W. Knowlton and A. H. McDonald on Harwood avenue.

Mrs. Edith Conant of Gardner was recently the guest of the A. F. Conants.

Miss Margaret Hartwell of Rhode Island state college has been at home a few days, following the mid-year exams, also Miss Elizabeth Sabin of Mt.

