

Fads and Fancies of Fashion



SMART FROCK FOR THE BUSINESS GIRL.

In the drama of fashions, the part of the one-piece frock has grown in importance for three seasons. It has held the center of the stage ever since the advent of the "bustle dress" (which hardly deserved its name), and the furor for velvet portends a brilliant finish for this season of a style that is sure to reappear in the spring.

The bustle dress is given its name because it caught up in drapery below the waistline at the back and merely suggests the bustle of other years. It is prettiest in velvet or heavy satin or crisp taffeta; best of all velvet. In the latest models skirts are narrow and drawn back from the front by the back draping. They have long, close-fitting sleeves and high necks. One-piece frocks of serge and other durable cloths have proven themselves the smartest sort of frocks for business women. This term includes about everyone these days when it is unthinkable that any well woman should be idle.

The frock of serge shown in the picture is enough to reconcile the most inconsequent of idlers to a business life. Consider its good points and remember how entirely practical it is. In addition to being good looking it is new and original. The sleeves are set on to an underbodice and finished on the forearm with neat straps of the material. The overbodice fastens over a separate vestee of washable white satin, which may be varied with vees of other materials by way of change. A wide fold, instead of revers, on the bodice is placed high enough at the back to provide an unusually becoming neck finish, and a big trench



JANUARY HATS REVEAL A SUMMER MIND.

huckle shows the resourcefulness of the designer in providing a unique fastening.

The skirt has two box plaits at the back and front and cascaded drapery at the sides to lend it shapeliness and interest. Trim rows of bone buttons on the back to the front.

plained the inquisitive fashion writer knows no more than she did before. Anyway they appear to have found the right background, in the clear blue of the hat and the wreath makes way for a bow of velvet in the same blue at the front.

Julie Strensky

A Lemon on Your Hair.

Wet the hair with warm water, then rub the juice of a lemon into the scalp. Afterward rinse the hair thoroughly and dry with a soft towel. The lemon juice will remove all dirt and grease and leave the hair glossy and soft.

CORDUROY BATH ROBE WARM

"Trench" Model Is Double-Breasted, With Round, Turn-Over Collar That Comes Well Up About Throat.

A good warm bath robe is a first necessity if one lives in a country, or a suburban town, where the furnace does not always give adequate service early in the day.

As pretty as flowing sleeves and wide turned down collars are, in theory a garment that protects the

CONVERSION OF ROUGHAGE INTO MEAT

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Splendid Type for Head of Swine Herd.

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Supplement to Sow's Milk.

The first opportunity to force the pigs comes when they are a few weeks old. Up to this time they have been fed solely on their dam's milk. In fact there is no successful substitute, as has been demonstrated by repeated failure to raise the best born pigs on cow's milk. The milk of the sow is much richer in protein, fat, and ash than is cow's milk, and the latter makes up a poor substitute that feeds under two weeks of age usually digestive troubles following its exclusive use. After growing for three weeks the young pigs begin to have an appetite for some feed to supplement the sow's milk, and they should be fed for unless they are the strain on the sow will be a very serious matter. The pigs will eat from the sow's trough, especially if she is being fed on bran, slop, or feed. A pen should be arranged adjoining the sow's trough and separated from it by a partition with sufficient room at the bottom to allow the pigs to run under. In the inclosure to be used by the little pigs place a low shallow trough to contain their skin milk or mash.

The best feeds for pigs of this age are dairy by-products, such as skim milk. These, mixed with full feeds, are middlings, shorts, and even a cheap grade of flour, or with a meal of ground oats from which the hulls have been removed, give excellent satisfaction. Some feeders use the self-feeder at this time, placing it inside a creep that will admit the pigs to their grain at all times. This is best adapted for pigs after six weeks old, where there is a lack of skim milk and they must be prepared for the period following weaning without this feed.

Waste in Holding Hogs in Local Pens

Practice of Purchasing Animals in Small Lots and Keeping in Yards Is Wasteful.

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A loss of live weight of hogs and waste of feed result from the practice of purchasing local hogs in small lots and holding them in local stockyards until a carload shipment is collected, according to specialists of the United States bureau of markets. They point out that at this and other seasons when runs are light, it often takes several buyers four or five days to assemble enough small lots for a carload. As facilities for feed and watering are inferior in small yards, the hogs make no further gains on their feed and often suffer actual loss of live weight. Local buyers, therefore, would do well to specify a certain day for the delivery of lots from the various farms and load and ship without holding. Farmers also could club together to make up co-operative carload shipments on regular week days, or to assemble margin lost in individual small-lot selling.

Protect Outlet of Drains

Coarse Wire Screen Will Keep Small Animals From Entering and Establishing Homes.

The outlets of drains should be protected to prevent small animals from entering them. Such places are often selected for homes, and rubbish is carried in for nests. Coarse wire screen will keep pests out without hindering the free passage of water.

Tractor to Replace Horse.

The tractor will probably never entirely replace the horse, but it will replace many horses on large farms, and especially in connection with the heavy farm work.

Hiding Place for Bugs.

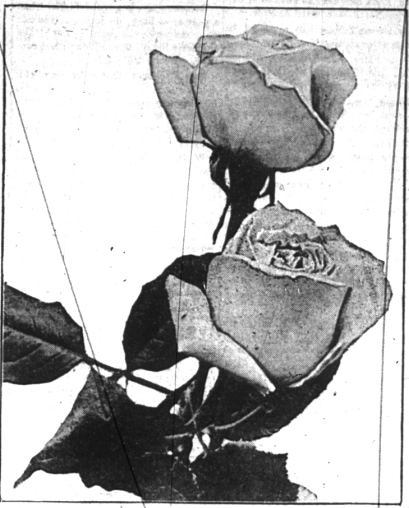
Spiders gain stable positions to be a favorite hiding place for chinch bugs during the winter.

Lower Feed Bills.

Better burns mean lower feed bills.

THE HOME BEAUTIFUL

Flowers and Shrubbery
Their Care and Cultivation



To Encourage Blooming in Your Hybrid and Tea Roses, Cut Back to a Well Developed Bud at the Junction of Leaf and Stem When Cutting.

HOW TO ENCOURAGE YOUR FLOWERS

By E. VAN BENTHUYSEN.

If you want to encourage blooming in your hybrid and tea roses, cut back to a well developed bud at the junction of leaf and stem when cutting off the rose.

It is not generally known that if a spray of gladius is cut when the first flower appears, or rather opens, and placed in water it will bloom just as well as if on the stalk.

FIGHT INSECT PESTS ALWAYS

By LIMA R. ROSE.

For the little white fly, use sulpho-tobacco soap according to directions on package. For rose bugs, in the evening place two or three ounces of quassa quassa (you can buy them from the druggist) in a pan, and fill with boiling water two or three gallons according to size of pan. Let stand until next morning, then apply the liquid to the plant with a garden syringe, getting the tea on all sides of the foliage and the stems. If the work is done in the evening, the insects will be killed by the time they are up to their necks for an hour or two. After a thorough soaking they can be cut at the joints, and their beauty will charm for two or three days.

The sweet pea, like every flower that blooms, demands a daily stripping of every bloom. Producing seeds is done at the expense of blooms, however, flowers should be cut with sharp shears, never torn from the plant.

Never cut flowers of the "wax plant" unless you wish no further blooms. Its flowers are produced in exactly the same "eyes" each time, and if the eye is removed no more flowers will develop.

Weak, liquid manure is just the stimulant needed to his weight than a smaller one. The self-feeder was primarily devised to finish the hog at this time and serves its purpose in excellent fashion. Slightly more rapid and economical gains are made by its use than can be obtained by the best of hand feeding.

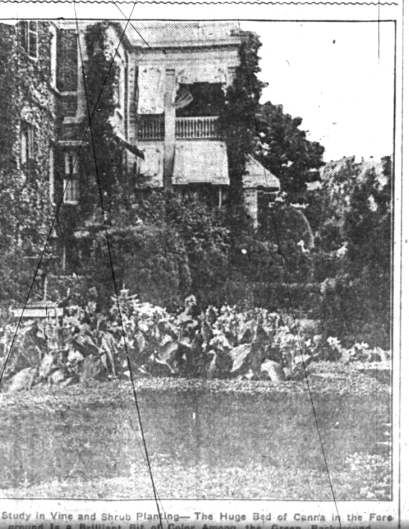
START SOME FLOWER SEEDS IN HOUSE

By E. Van Benthuyssen.

Flower seeds which will have to be started either in the house or in a hot bed, are as follows:

- One package mixed verbenas.
- One package salvia splendens.
- One eighth ounce mixed pansies.
- One package mixed double petunias.
- One package heliotropes.
- One package mixed geranium.
- One package hardy garden pink.
- One package Coleus.

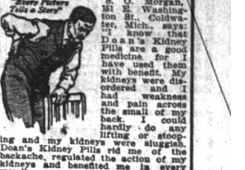
These should be cut at one end one-sixteenth of an inch and soaked in warm water 24 hours, and sowed in February in the house, and one will not fail to be extremely pleased with the result.



A Study in Vine and Shrub Planting—The Huge Bed of Canna in the Fore-ground is a Brilliant Bit of Color Among the Green Background.

Back Lame and Achy?

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PAID BACK SCULPTOR'S KISS

How Madame Severine Restored to August Rodin Carers He Had Purloined From Her.

The Parisian papers continue to publish episodes in the life of the great sculptor, Auguste Rodin. One year ago Rodin met Madame Severine, famous as an eloquent speaker, of whom in former times he had made a bust.

"Severine," he said, "I have heard you speak many times, and you have always delighted me. You are the angel of Artisans. When I do I wish you, in the name of women, to pronounce some words at my tomb."

The other day, on the slope of Val-Fleury after a number had spoken over the coffin that held the body of "The Thinker," Madame Severine fulfilled the desire of the master.

She then went back into the crowd. Some one asked what sentiment had inspired this last act.

And then she related this to two or three friends who were near her:

Twenty years ago Rodin invited her to pose in his atelier. He began the bust of Severine. She was an artist and restrained the ardor of his advances. At the first session he was respectful. At the second he was less so. At the third he ceased to be so. Severine left and never came back. The bust remained unfinished.

In time he was pardoned and after twenty-five years, in placing on his grave a bust of her, she came to return to the sculptor the kiss that she had received from him.

Deserved It.

Jones snatched into the ditch with that little second-hand car he's been bragging about.

"Saves him right. He's always trying to drive bargains."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

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