

NEW INDOOR FROCKS

ALMOST ANY NUMBER OF GRADES TO SELECT FROM.

While There is a Suggestion of the Bustle, the Majority of Gowns Are of Round Length—Some of the Simplest.

Although the street suit is generally the first fall purchase, the women who dress tastefully and correctly in the house also look for indoor frocks at this time.

There are grades in the new house frocks as in everything else. Some are too magnificent almost to be looked at, as well as a shade too eccentric with their varied loopings or distinct paniers to seem suitable for any but the idle rich. But out of the hurly-burly of suggested bustles—some of the rear loopings of the skirts are more than a mere hint of the old turnure—the pointed trains, exaggerated tight sleeves and inordinately high and tight collars, there are features which all the world may copy to advantage. For example, the majority of the dainty gowns are of round length, and even if some looping of the skirt seems to be needed for the look of style every species of drapery is capable of much simplification.

One New York shop which devotes itself entirely to indoor gowns refuses to entertain the elaborate house styles, showing little costumes of a sort any woman might wear or copy for use in a modest home. Silk and wool fabrics in all of the new whites are made up in one-piece style, the bodice treated to rolling polo collars and cuffs in color or black, and the belt of the same. The sides of the skirts show the panier influence, some of the side breadths being gathered to bulge out, or the garment displaying a definite tunic, parted at the middle front and drawn back in two skimp puffs, ending in a little flattish bunching at the back. Other skirts display the separate tunic with the looping very low at the sides, these falling sometimes over plain skimp skirts of the same silk that trims the collars and cuffs. These demure and yet coquettish frocks suggested the needs of the business woman who wishes to make a nice appearance at the boarding house dinner and be dressed for evening collars.

In the shops—where busy women of medium means must always buy both practical and fine clothes—the simple frock for afternoon and evening wear seems very closely related in style and material to the skimp and dainty things one has seen all summer. With sleeves set in or cut with the bodice kimono fashion, high waist line, plain scant skirt and low collars and roll-back cuffs or flat sleeve bands, these dresses sell in autumn challeis, silk trimmed, from \$8 up, and in silk with appropriate deckings



from \$10 up. Here and there one is capable of the most clever changes, the addition of a chiffon peplum jumper or a fancy sash arrangement turning the plain thing at once into something of the utmost elegance.

In unmade materials suitable for simple and smart house frocks there are many bargains, from the very fact that so many summer textures can be used. Silk is always useful for the dressy house frock, as it is correct for both day and evening, whereas the most charming challeis seems only correct for day wear.

A woman is sometimes fugitive, irrational, indeterminate, illogical and contradictory. A great deal of forbearance ought to be shown her.—Henri Frederic Amiel.

HEARTS THAT BREAK

BY GENE WARD.

Hazel Manners was a very popular school teacher in working hours and a heartless coquette at her leisure. Her personality was magnet-like. It was not only that Hazel was pretty that men were attracted to her. Her indifference to their lovmaking and her daring in conduct had much to do with her vogue.

Withal, Hazel was designing. To her men were mere instruments to carry out her will, to arrange her pleasures. And she used them freely and recklessly. She made little effort to conceal her motives. Her suitors were constantly changing. They paid gallant court to her at first, but they did not remain long. But Hazel only laughed and tossed her blonde head smartly. "The world is full of men! What care I!"

When Ellis Wingate laid siege to Hazel's heart, it was said that he gave his soul to her. He was her slave. No cut was unkind enough to lessen his devotion. He bore his cross bravely, and Hazel was pleased. Here was one with whom she could "show off" her power. Here was one who would always be at her service. Here was one upon whom she could depend in any crisis. Her friends said that she "would break his heart." Never would he recover from her cruelty, they declared. Some went so far as to say that he might be a suicide when she finally discarded him.

"Why in the world do you hang about me?" Hazel asked in contemptuous tone one day before a group of admirers. "Can't you see that you annoy me?"

"Yes, I see that," replied the faithful Ellis, "but I love you."

Hazel laughed as if it were a joke. "I want you to stay away from here until I send for you."

"Very well," answered Ellis, and went away.

From that day on, the tide in Hazel's fortunes began to ebb. She was losing her control over her pupils. They did not regard her with the same respect and love. There were difficulties with the school board. Rumors were afloat that she was seen too much with gay companions.

One evening when Hazel was motoring very late with a merry party along a lonely road at high speed, something unfortunate happened. Their automobile collided with another automobile, and a prominent man was killed. They tried to suppress the story, but were unsuccessful. All the details were headlined in the newspapers. Hazel was asked to resign from the teaching staff of the school.

She turned to her men friends to extricate her from the blight of the unsavory publicity. One by one, she asked for advice and help. But none was interested. None was ready to help her in her extremity. Hazel in tears was quite another girl from Hazel in a coquette's mood. She thought of Ellis Wingate.

"Ah, why didn't I go to Ellis before! He is the one to help me!"

Then Hazel began to think. Ellis Wingate took on a new light in her eyes. She was cured of flirting. She had had enough of gay companions. She was afraid of the future that stretched so menacingly before her. She needed a strong man's arm to lean upon. What arm was there so strong as Ellis Wingate's? Was he not a splendid type of man? Would he not make an excellent husband? Would he not shield her from the voice of scandal? And she liked him. She had always liked him. Now that she was tired of trifling, she was ready to—love him. Yes, to—love him!

She telephoned to him. The answer came that he had moved. Where? He did not leave a forwarding address. Hazel was surprised. Ellis Wingate had lived in the same room for ten years—ever since she had known him. It wasn't like him to change—not even in the matter of residence. She telephoned his business address the next morning.

"Mr. Wingate is out of town for a few days. Will you leave a number?"

Here, indeed, was a changed Ellis! Several days passed, but Ellis Wingate did not answer her summons. Hazel cried. She did not sleep at night. Money matters were crowding her. She must have help. In desperation, she called Ellis Wingate again.

"Is this you, Ellis?"

"Yes."

"This is I—Hazel."

"Yes."

"Why—don't—you—re-remember—Ellis?"

"I remember perfectly, Hazel."

"Ellis—dear—I—I—wan-want you to—come—to—see—me. I nee-need you."

"I'm sorry. Perhaps you didn't know that I have just returned from my honeymoon, and—"

But the telephone receiver had fallen from Hazel's quivering hand. And no friend was near to mend the break in her heart.

Quit Bragging.

"I thought Brown said he was getting \$10,000 a year."

"So he did."

"But I hear him say today that he is getting only \$3,500."

"Yes. He's just discovered that there's going to be a tax on incomes, and he's telling what he really gets."

POULTRY

POULTRY RELISH SKIM MILK

One of Very Best of Foods for Growing Chicks, Keeping Digestion in Good Order.

(By R. G. WEATHERSTONE.)

Very few people understand the value of skim milk as a food for poultry. They relish it and it is very good for them, either sweet or sour or buttermilk, if it is not too cold.

Milk takes the place of meat scraps to a certain extent. In fact, the feeding of meat can be put down one-fourth when the fowls have all the skim milk they can drink, and the results obtained will be the same. Milk is fine to feed laying hens and will materially increase the egg yield.

It is one of the very best of foods for the growing chicks, keeping their digestion in good order and hastening their growth, as it contains the elements necessary for their development.

Where milk is fed regularly and a teaspoonful each of ginger and soda added to each gallon every third or fourth day, there will be no cholera or other bowel troubles. Stir the mixture until thoroughly dissolved before feeding. This is very easily prepared and will keep their digestive organs toned and sweetened.

When fattening fowls, skim milk should be used to mix the mash. They like it better and in this way are induced to eat just as much more, as the milk while serving as moisture to wet the mash is also a hearty food.

The food for young ducks should be mixed with milk and curds made from sour milk are indispensable for young turkeys.

Remember that milk will not take the place of water, as it so soon turns to solid food in the crop. Keep water before the chickens the same as ever, no matter how much milk they may have.

On every farm there is more or less milk for feeding and it will pay to see that the chickens get their share of it.

SPROUTED GRAIN FOR FOWLS

Green Food May Also Be Supplied in Form of Any Surplus Supply of Vegetables on Hand.

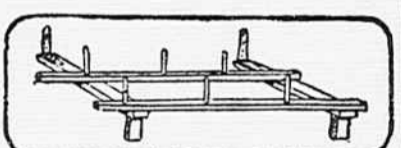
Where it is possible a winter crop should be planted to furnish green food for the fowls. It does not take a large area to furnish green food for the fowls, and usually plenty of space may be found for this purpose. But where one has only a city lot, and a green crop is out of the question, arrangements should be made to sprout oats, rye, wheat or barley. If no other space is available a box of soil will suffice. The box may be filled with rich garden loam if the seeds are to remain long enough for the plants to grow. If the grain is to be fed as soon as the seed sprouts a box of sand is sufficient. The box may be set in a cellar or in the kitchen near the stove in very cold weather.

Green food may also be supplied in the form of any surplus vegetables that you may happen to have on hand. The best plan for feeding them is to place a nail in the houses on the wall just high enough so that the hens will be compelled to jump a little to reach it. Then take a beet or any other vegetables that you desire to feed and stick them on the nails. It is a handy little arrangement, and compels the fowls to exercise for their food.

PREVENT CROWDING ROOSTS

Difficulty Encountered Where Many Birds Are Kept Together is Handily Eliminated.

When a great many chickens are roosting together the tendency is to crowd until a part of the fowls are pushed off the roosts. Roosts made as illustrated will guard against this trouble, says a writer in the Missouri Val-



Pegs Stop Trouble.

ley Farmer. Bore holes in roosts about three feet apart and drive in upright pieces 12 inches high and about the size of a broom handle. It is well to have a dropping board beneath.

"Fresh Egg" Defined.

An egg to belong to the strictly fresh egg class, should not be over 3 days old in summer weather, and a week old during the winter. But in either case they must be kept in a cool temperature. Heat very quickly stales eggs. Crates of eggs allowed to remain in the hot sun for several hours will quickly change their condition.

Turkeys for Market.

The hen turkeys sell first, and medium-sized carcasses sell best in market. The market turkey should be shorter in legs and neck than is ordinarily the case, and very full in the breast, with a compact body, meaty and fat, rather than of a large size and coarse structure.

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