The Home Circle

Tailored Cloth Models.

BY DOROTHY DALE

Speculation is already rife as to the new tailor modes for the coming season. A great many of the new models are made with loose shorter coats, following the Empire tendencies; but it is unlikely that this style will be accepted by many of the best-dressed women, as it is of doubtful becomingness to any but a very slender figure, and except for carriage wear or very elaborate frocks is not especially suitable. Indeed, the very severe cloth tailor frocks are the most modish. One model which is extremely good style shows a plain single breasted coat, fastening with a row of crochet buttons down the middle of the front, with a small notched collar of the cloth faced with velvet, the sleeves being entirely without trimming beyond a row of small buttons at the hand. The skirt of this model was cut in circular style with a panel effect in front, all skirts of this style being quite short, in comfortable walking length.

A great many of the new skirt models are plaited in various ways, although all skirts are so designed that a closely fitting hip line is given. As to materials, mixed and striped cheviots, fine serges and plain clothes lead in favor, shades of gray, browns and plain black being especially approved of.

For midseason wear during the fall and early winter a great many of the new designs have the short Eton coat, made short enough to clearly define the waist line.

The first drawing among the illustrations shows one of these Eton coats, the front of the jacket being cut in points and trimmed with stitched bands of the cloth, small cloth-covered buttons and inset pieces of cream-white broadcloth braided in narrow soutache and silk cord. The revers and girdle were of chiffon velvet, and bands of velvet were also let into the trimming of the cuffs. The model gown was of bluish gray broadcloth, the velvet trimmings and braids being in a slightly darker shade of the same color.

The second design was sketched from a coat suit of striped cheviot, and was designed for less formal wear than the Eton model just described. The coat had the back of the rever collar, the cuffs and part of the pocket faced with leather, the costume being of brown with a narrow, white hairline stripe, the leather facings being also in brown and the buttons of brown crochet.

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Receipts and Suggestions For Preserving

BY SARA CRANFORD.

Grape Preserves.—Weigh the grapes and allow three-fourths of a pound of sugar to a pound of fruit. Rinse the bunches of grapes in cold water, drain and squeeze the pulp from the skin of each grape. Heat the pulp gradually and cook until the seeds come out easily. Ten or 15 minutes will be required. Pass through a sieve just fine enough to keep back the seeds. Cook the skins and pulp 10 minutes, then add the sugar and continue cooking until the liquid thickens slightly. Store it into earthen or glass jars.

Pears Preserved With Ginger.—Pare, quarter and core eight pounds of pears; cut or break one-fourth of a pound of ginger root into pieces. Grate the rind of two or three lemons. Put the pears, ginger and grated lemon into a saucepan in layers, with six pounds of sugar, add a cup of water—two if the pears are dry. Let it heat very slowly and cook until the pears look clear. Add the juice of six lemons when the fruit is rather more than half cooked. Two hours of cooking will often be needed.

Apple and Quince Preserves.—To one peck of sweet apples pared and quartered take 15 quinces, cut in eighth. Weigh the whole and for each pound of fruit take three-fourths of a pound of sugar. Place alternate layers of fuit and sugar in a preserving kettle, add two cups of water and let it stand over night. In the morning cook it over a slow fire until the fruit is tender and the syrup clear.

Orange Marmalade. Use one lemon to each five oranges and three-fourths of a pound of sugar to one pound of prepared fruit. Wipe the fruit carefully, then take off the peel in quarters and remove as much of the white bitter portion of the rind as is not desired; cut the rest of the peel into shreds. Cut the pulp in halves and with a glass lemon squeezer or a spoon remove the juice and the pulp, discarding seeds, tough membranes and white, pithy portions. Stir the sugar into the juice, pulp and shreds of yellow rind, and let cook until very thick, but not firm like jelly. The marmalade is less liable to be bitter if the thin skinned Tangerine or Messina oranges be used. The rind will be more tender if simmered in water to cover before the addition of the sugar. Weigh this water with the rind, juice, etc., in determining the quantity of sugar required.

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Roll Puff Paste.

Roll Puff Paste (as given below).—One eighth of an inch thick and cut in rounds with a four-inch cake cutter of some mold of that size. Put a little of the mixture on each piece; moisten one-half the edge with cold water and fold over the pastry, pressing the dry edge upon the half that is moistened very closely. Bake about 25 minutes in a slow oven.

Puff Paste.—Puff paste should be used always for tarts and pies of all sorts. It is usually made of equal weights of flour and butter, about a pound of each, also the white of one egg and a cupful of water. No salt is needed if salted butter is used.

Put the flour on a slab and shave into it one-sixth of the butter, using a knife then moisten it with the water, into which has been stirred the beaten white of one egg. The exact amount of water depends upon the dryness of the flour, and care must be taken that the paste is neither too stiff to roll easily nor so soft that it will stick, but that it has a flexible dry consistency. Work it with the hands until it is perfectly smooth and roll it out till it is a little longer than it is broad and about half an inch in thickness. When just right fold it over, wrap it in a napkin, put it in a pan and place the pan on the ice.

Work the butter with a spoon till it is flexible and press out as much of its water as possible, then mold it into a flat square cake and set it on the ice.

When it is entirely cold roll it out and fold it as before. This is to be done six or eight times, rolling it in the opposite direction each time. Great care must be used not to let the butter come through, which will happen unless it is extremely cold; so it is safer to put it away after each turn. If the butter shows signs of coming through cover the spot with flour and set it away at once. It should be cold before it is cut into shapes, so the layers will stick together and cold before it is put in the oven. It is the suggestion of the writer that this recipe should be put away for reference, as it is necessary to assure tarts and pies of the best quality. It will keep for sometime.

Crumbled Eggs.—Cut five hard-boiled eggs in thick, round slices. Dip them into the yolk of an egg, beaten with a teaspoonful of water and slightly salted. Then lay in bread crumbs, and when well covered fry brown. Serve hot with toasted bread.

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Treatment of Windows.

BY BEATRICE CAREY.

Artistic window curtains suitable to the room in which they are used are of great importance in the decoration of any apartment. The sash-curtain style of window drapery is still the favorite mode, very beautiful curtains may be made at home with little difficulty. Plain white scrim, white fish-net and the various thin materials that come for the purpose are all used, and may either be finished by flat bands of renaissance braid, inset bands of heavy lace or ruffles. White-dotted and embroidered Swiss, which may be had for 12 or 15 cents a yard, makes excellent bedroom curtains, being made quite wide and hung on a brass rod at the top of the upper sash, the curtain hanging about six inches below the sill. A very pretty finish is also given by having hung across the top of the curtains a 12-inch valance of silk or figured cretonne to match the furnishings of the room.

Where the room is rather dark or where there is only one side window a valance and side curtains of thin silk of a golden yellow color will do much toward lightening the room, and is particularly effective when the room is papered in soft green, blue or tan shades.

On the other hand, when the view from one's window is pleasant very thin white net sash curtains may be used, the curtains being looped back. In some of the new houses, where the windows are of leaded glass or some unusually artistic design, no sash curtains at all are used.

Such a window is illustrated in the third plate. In this case the window was a triple one and filled in a recessed alcove in one end of the apartment. The long narrow window panes were of leaded glass, the upper part of each pane being done in opaque white and yellow glass, with squares of light green glass also set into the pattern. The woodwork of the window, as well as the room, of course, was done in ivory-white enamel, the wall being panelled and hung with willow-green brocade paper. The bracket lights were of leaded art glass matching the windows, all the lights coming from the sides of the room.

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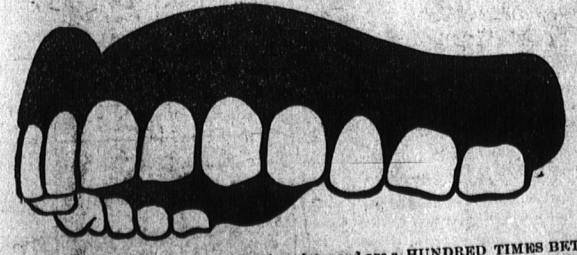
METAL PLATES



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