

# The Home Circle

## THE NEW STREET SUITS. By Dorothy Dale.

A well-made street suit is always one of the first requirements each season, and so much thought can hardly be given to sure a good model and a becoming color. Two street costumes are really necessary; one made in rather severe style for morning wear and another of roadcloth or velvet, for afternoon wear. Great many of the model suits show the wearing skirt, but it is doubtful if these alluring skirts will prove popular. The short skirt is too comfortable to be easily superseded. Some of the hand-embroidered velvet and broadcloth frocks will still be made with skirts that escape the road by several inches. This rule does

not apply to house gowns, dinner dresses and such costumes. For a useful every-day street suit the lightweight cloths, chevrons and serges are the favorite materials, the shaded two-tone plaids, indistinct checks and stripes vying in popularity with the plain surface fabrics. Brown shows indications of being a little too popular to be really smart, but all the shades of blue or gray will be exceedingly good style, as will black, dark garnet and certain shades of green. Some of the most attractive cloths seen show faint touches of several colors woven across the surface in an indistinct

plaid. One very good-looking suit was of dark blue cheviot, plaided over with fine lines of black, dark green and red. The coat was made almost tight-fitting, and was of short hip length. It was cut double-breasted and had a pocket on the left side of the coat at the bust, and also one on each hip. There was no trimming of any kind on the coat. The skirt was plaided and was made two inches from the ground.

Another excellent model is shown in the first drawing. The gown from which the sketch was taken was of dark blue broadcloth. The coat was made single-breasted and was cut away in front as is shown in the drawing. A strap of bias cloth was used on each side of the front, the back having a strap in the centre also. The skirt was plaited to below the hips and was trimmed with bias strappings of cloth, six straps so cut that they formed tabs around the bottom of the skirt at intervals, being used as trimming. The skirt was made over a drop lining of dark blue taffeta, the coat being lined with pale gray satin. The second drawing shows a design for a velvet or broadcloth suit for more formal occasions. The model was of black velvet trimmed with shaped bands of the velvet over bands of black satin. The coat was made in short hip length and the sleeves were cut to turn the elbow and were trimmed with bias tucks, which were also seen at the sides of the coat, as explained by the drawing. The skirt was tucked in panels in small tucks to match those used on the bodice and sleeves.

The collar of the coat was of white moire silk, embroidered in black silk, narrow cord braid and gold thread.

Some of the fancy suits are made in stone lines, while others are of short hip length, still other models showing moderately long skirts to the coats, so that it is safe to select almost any length most becoming to the individual figure. The same variety is permissible in skirts, although the plaited skirts are more generally used, especially for the short street skirt.

## A Home-Made Bed Cover and Window Drapery.

The small cut shows a suggestion for bed room furnishings in the treatment of the windows and bed draperies. All such furnishings should be made of material that will launder. Very artistic and serviceable fabrics in the new cotton chintzes, cretonnes, can be found in any of the larger shops, and as the cost of these printed cottons is very small a room can



be charmingly decorated at a very slight expense. The cover for the brass bed shown in the little sketch was made of fine white pique, the bands which were used as trimming being cut from striped cretonne, was patterned with a rose vine with pale blue border. The valance used over the ruffled swiss curtains was of plain pale blue material, trimmed with the rose border, the book-case curtains, couch cover and such draperies being made to match. The chairs were covered with fine striped cretonne, the colorings all being in the pale blue and pink combination. The walls were papered in plain pale blue paper with a rose-patterned frieze.

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## SCHOOL CHILDREN'S LUNCHES. By S. Cranford.

It is often a puzzling question what to give a child to carry to school for lunch, and it remains for the mother to prepare a lunch that will be palatable and nourishing by forethought and the study of individual tastes. Most children dislike to be burdened with a lunch basket, and the wise mother saves pasteboard boxes and cracker packages for this purpose.

It is unwise to give children money to buy cakes and candies as their selection is very seldom in accordance with the laws of digestion.

Variety is the spice of luncheons, and nothing takes away the appetite more than the knowledge that to-day's lunch is the same as yesterday's, and in all probability the same as to-morrow's will be.

Sandwiches are to be considered first. The following ones will be found easily prepared and very appetizing: Cold roast beef, chopped and slightly salted, between slices of white bread; boiled ham, chopped very fine and mixed with a little dry mustard, brown bread; corned

beef, chopped very fine, white bread; finely chopped nuts, spread thick between slices of thin bread.

Currant Biscuit.—Beat till very light six eggs without separating them, add one pound of granulated sugar, beat again thoroughly, and add gradually one-half a pound of sifted flour and one-half a cupful of currants; mix well together and add enough flour to make a stiff dough. Roll this out very thin, cut into squares, prick with a fork and bake in a moderate oven for half an hour. These are more wholesome than the average cookie, for they are made without butter.

Ginger Bread.—Every child likes ginger bread, and a loaf will always be found acceptable for the lunch at school. This

receipt requires three eggs, three cupfuls of flour, one-half a teaspoonful of cloves, three-quarters of a cupful of butter, one cupful of sugar, the same amount of dark molasses and of black coffee and one teaspoonful each of cinnamon, ginger and bicarbonate of soda.

Mix the spices with the molasses. Dissolve the soda in a little boiling water and add it to the coffee. Cream together the butter and sugar, add the eggs, one at a time, and heat each one well. Add the molasses; then the coffee and flour, alternately, a little at a time. Bake in two bread tins in a moderate oven 40 to 60 minutes, or until the cake leaves the sides of the pan.

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