

The Home Circle

COAT AND SKIRT COSTUMES OF LINEN.

BY DOROTHY DALE.

The linen coat and skirt suits are exceedingly smart this season, and although they need experienced handling in making up, a clever sewer, with the help of a good pattern, should be able to carry out such a costume with success if the proper method is followed in working.

The first drawing shows a very attractive little suit, which was recently sent out by a leading tailor.

In selecting material for such a costume do not purchase a fabric of too light a weight, as for good results the stuff should be of rather firm texture and not too thin. The model sketched was made of natural color canvas weave linen, which has rather a coarse weave, and is very modish for such use.

If you are in doubt as to the fit of the pattern, cut it first in cheap cambric or thin crinoline, which is what the tailors use, and work from that, making any necessary alterations in this trial coat before cutting into your linen. The fronts of the coat should be lined with a soft linen duck, which has also been shrunken, this duck extending across the

fronts and to the shoulder seams. It is put into the coat after the seams are stitched, all outside stitching, strappings et cetera, being stitched through the linen and duck together, to give the coat the proper firmness across the front and the correct curve over the bust.

On this model coat the collar and cuffs were of black moire silk outlined with braid on a foundation of the linen, the braid used being black mohair soutache. The coat was double-breasted and there were little frogs made of the black soutache by way of ornament. Black cloth buttons about half an inch or more in diameter were used down the front, the coat fastening with loops of the braid over these buttons. Shaped strappings of the linen were used on each side of the front and back, as shown in the drawing, and there was also a pointed strap or band, as it might be called, on each sleeve.

The hat worn with this little suit showed some of the newest of fancies in late summer millinery. The shape was rather large and had a very high, rather small crown, and the brim was flared sharply

up on the left side, under which was a high bandeau filled in with creamy pink roses.

The small sketch shows a full-length view of the back of the costume, the skirt of which was in eight gores, with a seam in the middle of the front. Around the bottom were two bands of the linen, the lower one being three inches in width and the upper one two and a half, the skirt clearing the ground by four inches.

The second costume illustrated was cut very much in the same style, only that the trimming details were quite different, this model being in blue-grey linen, the coat being cut slightly double-breasted and in hip length.

The coat was made with tucked sections let in on each side of the front and back, shaped pieces of the linen, cut as shown in the drawing, being stitched over these tucked portions. The collar was faced with silk, the buttons down the front of the coat being covered with linen to match the suit. The skirt was in four gores, with a centre front seam and an inverted box plait in the back, stitched down almost to the end of the placket to give a flat habit-back effect.

Although these linen tailor suits may be worn with a fancy white lace trimmed or embroidered blouse, the more severe tailored shirt, worn with a stiff turndown collar and silk four-in-hand or bow tie is smarter for street or morning wear and some of the fancy blouses of all-over embroidery or lace inserted lawn are made with a turnover collar, under which an inch and a half wide velvet ribbon is tied in a small bow in front, as shown in the second sketch.



Afternoon Refreshments For Summer.

For summer lawn parties and afternoon teas the following recipes are recommended.

Olive Sandwiches.—Make these of brown bread, chopping the olives and adding a little thick mayonnaise to form the filling.

Olive and Cheese Sandwiches.—Mix cream cheese with chopped olives or pinolias, and spread on buttered graham bread.

Cheese and Nut Sandwiches.—Make the filling of chopped English walnut meats

LAWN AND GARDEN FURNITURE.

BY BEATRICE CAREY.

The out of door season is well upon us, and porch and lawn furnishings are of keen interest to the housekeeper whose summer is to be spent in a country or suburban house.

The larger stores show charming designs in willow, rattan and wicker furniture, but many of these pieces are rather expensive and a little beyond the average purse. If one can afford it, however, a large hooded chair and one or two lounging and easy chairs adds much to one's comfort, and swinging seats, tables

and tabourets are also most attractive on a piazza or lawn.

Where there is a large lawn or a piece of ground that is screened from a passer-by, a sun shelter is often a great comfort where there is inadequate shade.

Such a shelter may be very cheaply put up by sinking four strong pine posts in the ground, having two strips of pine connecting the opposite sides. Iron rods or strong wooden strips are then laid across this framework to form the other two sides, awning cloth being used to form the cover, the awning being made to form a valance all around.

In this little inclosure a table and a few chairs should be placed and if there is sufficient room, a hammock could be swung.

The hooded wicker chairs, cushioned and painted a soft green, are also very convenient as a shelter from sun and wind, and are very decorative on a lawn, and the folding hammock chairs are also very comfortable and attractive.

Old wooden chairs and tables may also be repainted and made to do duty for the lawn, when they would hardly be in accordance with the more elaborate piazza

furniture, and the wooden kitchen set when painted a dark green, is very useful and convenient.

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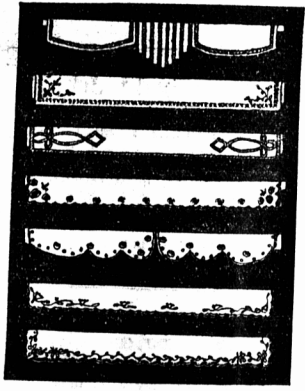
Hand-Made Collars for the Summer Needleworker.

BY BEATRICE CAREY.

The fourth plate shows several designs for hand-made collars, or turnovers which are again very fashionable, and which will also be much worn during the fall and winter.

To make it, first make seven narrow bias folds, each fold being neatly turned in at the bottom and sewed in place with invisible stitches, very fine thread being used. These strips should then be basted on paper and fagotted together with white embroidery cotton, as a study of the sketch will explain. The other sections of the collar were made of pieces of the lawn to which a narrow bias band was fagotted.

The second collar was made of handkerchief linen and, like the three following, it was made to fasten in front. The design for this one was quite simple, a straight strip of the linen being hem-



stitched and each end being embroidered

in a small flower design in padded French embroidery in fine cotton.

The third figure shows a very pretty model when color is introduced, the turnover being made of sheer white lawn, to which very narrow bias bands of colored lawn are applied.

The fourth figure shows a collar made of white linen, scalloped on the edge and embroidered in a simple eyelet design in white cotton.

The fifth design also shows the eyelet embroidery, padded dots also being used in the design, this collar being made in two sections.

The sixth design was sketched from a collar of white linen, embroidered in pale blue wash cotton, and the seventh sketch shows another style in sheer handkerchief lawn, scalloped on the edge and embroidered in a daisy design.



NEXT WEEK'S FEATURES: In Naples, Selection for Piano. Summer Evening Gowns, by Dorothy Dale. New Fashions in Stationery, and the New Parasols, by Beatrice Carey. Summer Porch Parties, by Sara Cranford.

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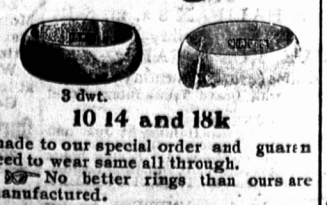
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