

FASHIONS

By Lillian McWether

The opening of the fall school term is an event in the life of a school girl. It is followed by days when her mind is gradually opened to the wonders that this world possesses in the way of literature, art, history and the manners and customs of ancient, medieval and modern peoples, and not least of these, to the fashions and culture of a well. She will learn to judge these people by what they produce, and her mind will tell her that the fashions of the present day will in part help in the judgement of us by future people. Fashions might appear frivolous to the unmindful, but they are part of the life today, as well as of yesterday, and frequently we are appraised by our apparel, and our social success often depends on our appearance.

Autumn's Sober Garb

Just as in spring we rejoice over laying aside the heavy clothes of winter and delight in dainties, organdie and voiles, so, at this time of year we want to garb ourselves in sober hues, forgetting the relaxation and frivolities of the summer season, and make ourselves ready to take up the serious tasks of life. The ordinary woman, and by that is meant the big majority of us, can afford just one new street gown, a suit, one or two blouses to wear with it, an afternoon gown, a coat, and an evening gown, one or two hats and a limited supply of accessories. And the shops delight in pleasing her. They know that she is particular and want the very best that will be stylish at the end of the season as well as at the beginning, and that she does not choose anything extreme or of will-o-the-wisp fashion, she leaves that to the sub-deb and the flapper. She has become known as the conservative dresser, and always looks well dressed. And just now she may buy something from the few groups of summer fashions that is dark enough in color and advance enough in style for intermediate wear, and all the while making mental notes of the advances in styles, their prices and utility, and when she decides what she wants.

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Range of Style

Cracks of conservative smartness range from the straight of line to those that show a tendency to loosen and buoyancy and those of brilliant ornamentation. Cracks range from straight silhouettes to loose wrappy effects. Suits feature new coat lengths and new and novel sleeve effects. Evening and dinner gowns follow more than ever the silhouette of the Renaissance, which are fitted tightly and closed at the bosom and flare lightly at the skirt. The evening frock may be exquisitely trimmed with fur borders, luminous laces or bouyant bows, but the newest note from Paris is the velvet gown set with jewels, anywhere from a jeweled buckle or ornament to an all-over studding of rhinestones.

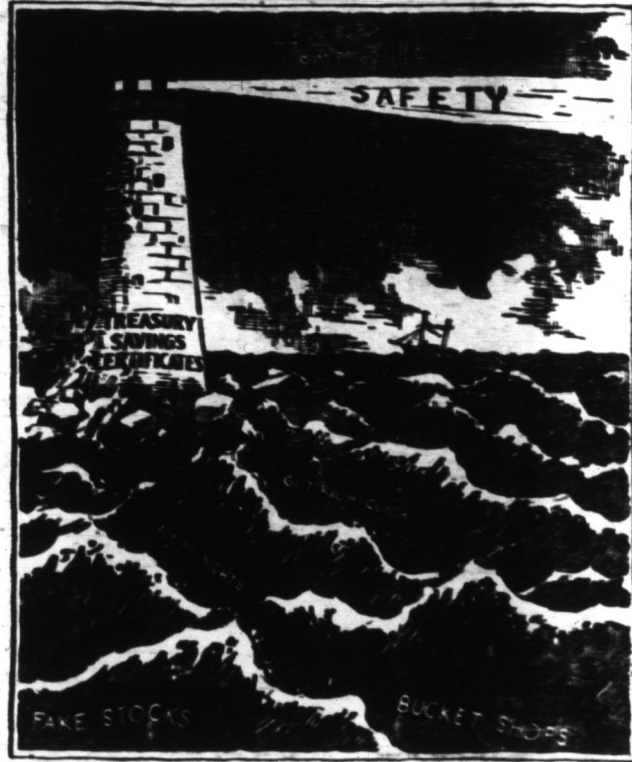
Stockings

The new English stockings of wool lisle are smart for autumn. They are beautifully made, ribbed or plain with self clocks. Those of black or white are worn with dark blue or black costumes; those of blue and white are worn with gray or brown and the brown and white stockings are for the brown costumes, whether beige or seal brown.

Footwear

A novel note in footwear are the new alligator pumps of genuine alligator skin in its natural rich brown shade, which heretofore has been used in the making of bags and purses. Shoes now have assumed the importance of being named. A few names noted are the Vesta, a tailored model; the Marchi, a charming evening slipper; the Vassar, a collegiate type; the Charmaine, a very smart gore model.

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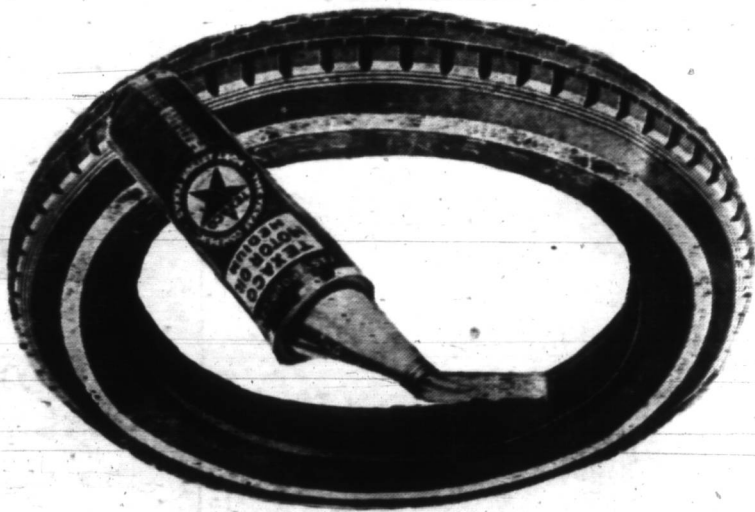
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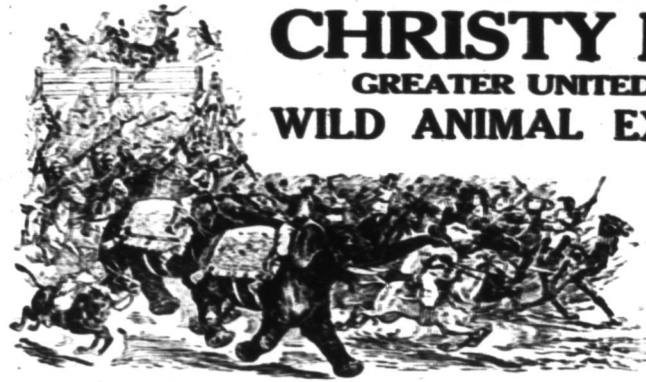
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