## NEW YORK FASHIONS.

**Jumper Dresses; Light Material Evening Gowns; Dotted Net Dresses; Hair Dressing; Hair Ornaments; Flower Wreaths On Berthas.**

The "jumper" waist is a god-send to the woman of moderate means, and now that a plaited skirt devoid of trimming (but of similar material) has been added, beauty and utility have joined hands. All the delicacy and freshness of the lingerie waist exists in the dainty lace yoke and sleeves, the latter being constructed on individual taste, or the resources of the wearer. Very light shades of silk, broadcloth and even panne velvet are made up into evening dresses of this style for home or theatre wear, but there the line is drawn—the "jumper dress" must not appear at a ball or full dress reception. As indicated in a previous letter, contrasting embroidery is the leading trimming.

EVENING DRESSES.

These include a long list of lace robes, spangled robes, hand-painted chiffon, combinations of crepe-de-chine and chiffon, fancy silks or nets covered with embroidery, and over elaboration is carried to such an extent, that a dress of simple material, simply made, is positively refreshing. Among a collection of evening gowns shown by a prominent house, were two of white dotted net over a silky lining. The skirt of one was plain to about flounce depth, then there were three scant puffs of net, each finished by a plain net ruffle. Narrow blue ribbon was run in each puff and a few wired bows of the same ribbon were fastened to the skirt quite a distance apart. The waist was low neck, with plain net gathered at the front, and bretelles graced the shoulders, formed of one scant puff edged by a single net ruffle. Blue ribbon (narrow) was laced across the front, and the sleeves were in keeping with skirt and waist.

SIMPLICITY IN MAKING.

Another pretty dress was of white voile, the skirt trimmed with rows of white satin ribbon, and the waist full but low neck, with fichu effect of voile ruffles edged by narrow satin ribbon, the fichu crossing at the front and the ends tucked under a wide, white satin belt. This style serves as a model for any light-weight material. Double box plaitings of blue and white striped ribbon three are used with excellent effect on a dotted net skirt with draped waist of striped silk, and lace fichu crossed at the front.

CHRISTMAS TIMES IN THE BIG CITY.

The rush for Christmas presents begins immediately after Thanksgiving, and people who would under other circumstances scorn to carry a package, are fain to clasp their treasures closely and fight for room in the already over crowded street cars. Be it whispered that everybody in New York cannot afford a cab. Amid "the thousand and one" alluring trifles that arrest attention, peafumery is always a safe choice.

HAIR DRESSING.

The Pompadour roll is still in the lead, but women of taste mitigate its severity by slanting puffs over the forehead, soft loops the figure eight in the back, and long or short curls. Hair ornaments were never more beautiful, sparkling with Rhinestone dew drops, liberally sprinkled on large roses or tiaras of small flowers. Velvet bands twisted into graceful shapes are also dotted with sparks, and aigrettes, ostrich and marabout clusters are also tipped with brilliants. Flowers are used in profusion on lace berthas for evening wear—a large cluster, perchance of roses, orchids, clematis or wisteria on one shoulder, and drooping to the waist the now slender wreath is carried up to the other shoulder.

VERONA CLARKE.


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### The Stock Food Fraud--Warning Our Farmers Against a Common Swindle

The Raleigh Progressive Farmer prints a notable article exposing the stock food fraud, which it pronounces the most stupendous swindle now being practiced upon American farmers. Millions and millions of dollars are spent every year—several thousand dollars a year perhaps in this very county—for gaudily advertised "stock foods", "condition powders," etc., for farm animals, while the investigations and tests made by the Experiment Stations have demonstrated that these preparations are nothing more than common meal bran, etc., with a little cheap sulphur, salt, Epsom salts, pepper, saltpeter, etc., added to change the taste, and the mixture (hardly more valuable than ordinary ship stuff) put up in flaming packages, advertised in big illustrated ads in farm papers, and sold to gullible farmers at rates ranging from $250 to $2,500 a ton.

These stock foods, which can be found in almost any country store, have recently been tested in seven different Experiment Stations, and our farmers, who are paying such enormous prices for the mixtures, should be interested in the results as reported by The Progressive Farmer.

In Minnesota steers without stock food gave better results than those using the stock foods. In Kansas two lots of sheep were fed, and those without stock foods made 117 pounds greater gain. In Massachusetts a slight gain in butter was made—not at an increased cost of 48 cent a pound! Of nineteen experiment in New Jersey, sixteen showed no gains, and in the three cases where gains were made from stock foods, their cost was so great as to make their use unprofitable. In Iowa $1.49 a steer was lost by using these high-priced mixtures.

And so it goes. The Progressive Farmer gives instance after instance—but we mention these examples merely to warn our farmer readers against wasting further the many hard earned dollars that go out each year for these much-advertised frauds—for frauds they are, although so conspicuously advertised in many farm papers; and The Progressive Farmer reports that it loses $1,000 a year in advertising patronage by exposing them to its farmer readers.

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