Has Hosiery Become Your Hobby?

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which are joined together with comparisons complete units with perfect selvages the shape of the leg. Pieces are knitted the four types of hosiery so she can judge the individual that footgear should be selected. The muscles and tendons form a delicately susceptible part of our life and it plays such an important part in her importance for the woman who desires to be a so-called "well-dressed" person.

Almost every woman is well informed about the more important articles of her wearing apparel, such as her suits, wraps, hats and dresses, but has she learned the best about her accessories? Does she know that she should show more taste? Never have women of America been so fastidious about their hosiery as they are at the present time—perhaps because it plays such an important part in her costume.

There are many things to consider in the selection of hosiery. Perhaps one of the first should be, that it provides for the well-being of the wearer. The form form a delicately susceptible part of our anatomy and require special care in fabric selection. The muscles and tendons of the foot are in constant use and it is of vital importance to the comfort of the individual that footgear should be worked in the most suitable fabric. To have hosiery made of a woven fabric is unthinkable if for no other reason than because of the seams, for they would render the wearer unable to walk in a short time. Therefore knitted fabrics have been found to be the most satisfactory material for hosiery. They also absorb perspiration much more readily than do other materials.

Every woman should be familiar with the four types of hosiery so she can judge which is best suited for her own needs.

The half-fashioned hose is a combination of a seamless and full-fashioned type. It is knitted as a seamless hose up to the knee, then the seamless knitting is continued. The unfinished or seamless hose is knitted on a circular machine to fit the leg as nearly as possible. But it makes a very loose fit around the ankles which of course is undesirable.

The cut-goods hose is made by cutting component pieces from a roll or web of cloth. There is much waste in this type and often the seams are bulky and uncomfortable. It is uncomfortable.

It has been successfully proven that considering price, fit and wearing quality the full-fashioned hose is most satisfactory—therefore the careful woman shopper should know about the type of hose she selects so she will know which is best for her own wear.

The wear that a pair of hose can stand will be increased if the buyer purchases the correct size. A good policy is to "fit the foot and not the eye." Here is the standard table of sizes:

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The first thing after getting the right kind, the right size and the right price is to know how to take care of the hose. First, do not throw them in the wash. Roll the length of the hose down to the toe, holding it with the fingers of both hands, then draw it over the foot carefully, being sure to pull the heel strain to come when pulling it over the heel. Next, draw it up the leg evenly and without twisting; lastly fasten the gussets with a rubber band or "run." The washing of silk hose in warm water with a mild soap after each wear insures the hose of a much longer life. It should also bear a weekly mending. Remember that "a stitch in time saves nine," and immediate care of the thin places or tiny breaks may add weeks to its wear. Some large firms make guarantees for their hosiery provided they are given proper care. Others provide for mending and repairs which is indeed a great stimulus to their trade.

In buying hosiery we must consider many things. The age of the wear-er must be kept in mind; can you imagine your grandmother appearing on the street in gay sport hose? Or a two-weeks old baby in black or colored hose? The type of dress or costume with which the hose is to be worn also plays an important part in selection. Cotton hose are never right with the georgette party dress, or lace hose with a sport costume. It just seems we can't imagine certain costumes without appropriate hosiery.

Another thing to be considered is the shoes which will be worn with the hose. Fuzzy wool hose are dreadful with light pumps and heavy walking shoes could never be worn with fancy silk hose. It would be well for each woman to make a more careful study of her hosiery problem. It is everyone's problem to save where she can and a careful selection of hosiery will mean a great deal to everyone in money, satisfaction and appearance.

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"Let us learn to be content with what we have. Let us learn to get rid of our false estimates, set up all the higher things for ourselves—quiet home, vines of our own planting; a few books full of the inspiration of a genius; a few friends worthy of being loved, and able to love us; a hundred innocent pleasures that bring us no pain or remorse; a devotion to the right that will never swerve; a simple religion empty of all fear and love—and to such a philosophy this world will give up all the joy it has."—David Swing.