

I Saw These Novelties About Town

DESPITE the war—or shall I say because of the war?—the city shops are showing some delightfully fascinating novelties. Perhaps the newest novelty on the market is the "Victory" brooch. All the shops have these brooches, made with the big V, mostly in scarlet and grey. But there are ever so many variations of the victory brooch—you need only to walk down the street and see them being worn to know that! Victory! How we are all hoping and praying for it! Surely then it is not to be wondered at that so many of us have taken to wearing these brooches with our spring costumes!

The shops are showing fascinating arrays of new goods—surprising though it may seem. Some of the new colours intrigue me—Indian Penny, a lovely coppery shade, is ideal for the

young girl who wants to look really smart, while if you are a little older try Grecian Grape! As its name implies, it is a rich purplish shade. But I have noticed a lot of Air Force blue being worn, and it is not uncommon to see a lass, walking alongside a lad in Air Force uniform, who is clad in almost the same colour. Grey, too, is very popular—I have never seen so much of it being worn.

And everyone has scarlet accessories—scarlet handbag, scarlet gloves, a scarlet feather athwart a grey felt hat, and even—if the wearer is particularly dashing—scarlet shoes. Grey is a very useful colour, and lends itself admirably to many changes. Try a purple scarf and a purple feather with your grey coat, and keep to grey gloves and handbag—this is a change from the scarlet accessories.

Frocks are going to be even shorter this summer—is this a wartime economy measure? And talking of economy measures, if we went without silk stockings last summer, and liked it, then I am afraid we will all have to go without silk stockings this summer, whether we like it or not! A pair of new silk stockings today is treated with greater appreciation than a bag of gold!

Do you remember those long shell necklaces which were so popular many years ago? Well, they are quite the latest once again—wear them in a three-deep tier against your high-necked spring jumper, and see how smart they look.

And finally, if you want to be the very acme of smartness and novelty, try this idea next time you are going to a dance—it is the latest in America! Fingernails are being painted in red, white, and blue to match our Union Jack! Just imagine the furore you would cause if you walked in with your thumb and little finger nails scarlet, the next two nails left white, and the middle one blue! I dare you!



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