

LUXURY GROWS IN WOMEN'S FINERY

J. M. Gidding, Back From Paris,
Tells New York Paper
About the Fashions.

Under a Paris date line in an issue of the New York Herald, appears the following interview with J. M. Gidding, head of the firm of J. M. Gidding & Co., of New York and Duluth:

"I had thought the height of luxury in women's dress had been attained, but I find next season's fashions are richer, if possible, than ever before. Velvets will be greatly favored, as will brocades, with quilted and metal effects. The trimming will be expensive. Furs and the richest sort of fabrics will be used, the colors ranging from royal purple and prune shades to amethyst. Amber also will be much used, the deeper shades predominating. Much green will be worn, while those who are conservative will find many materials in taupe and black.

"The materials will be camel's hair and velours de laine for the most part, while plush will be quite prominent. On the hats fur will be principally chinchilla or imitations in gray. Furs will be worn more than ever. It will be quite fashionable also to wear chiffon combined with fur, particularly chinchilla.

"In my tour of the principal Paris shops to buy models I found that the shape of the skirts has not changed greatly. The tight fitting

model remains, perhaps not to the hobble skirt extreme, but Dame Fashion will still see to it that woman does not take too long a step.

"Tailor made costumes for the afternoon will have both long and short jackets. The former will lean toward the Directoire style. The latter will have fancy trimmings. Of course everything is to be draped, as we say.

"The panier is being superseded. For afternoon calls women will wear dresses in two pieces with waist attached or a blouse to match. The material will be chiffons, nets, fluffy laces and brocades. All colors will have full swing. In evening toilets jewels will be much worn. The corsage will be cut more or less according to individual taste, but probably will be worn higher for receptions. Close fitting garments are no longer in vogue except for evening dresses."